



Supreme Court divided in 1st big abortion case of Trump era

By MARK SHERMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — A seemingly divided Supreme Court struggled Wednesday with its first major abortion case of the Trump era, leaving Chief Justice John Roberts as the likely deciding vote. Roberts did not say enough to tip his hand in an hour of spirited arguments at the high court. The court's election-year look at a Louisiana dispute

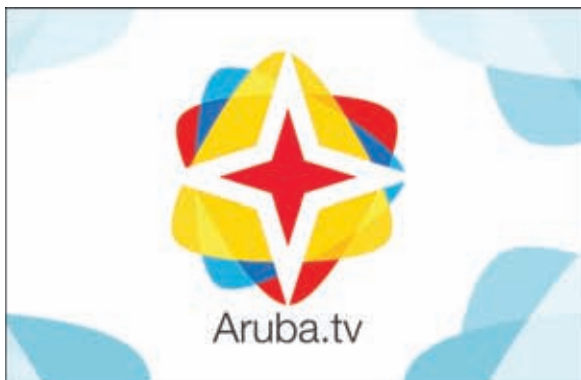
could reveal how willing the more conservative court is to roll back abortion rights. A decision should come by late June. The outcome could have huge consequences at a time when several states have passed laws, being challenged in the courts, that would ban abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected, as early as six weeks.

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Anti-abortion demonstrators rally outside of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

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The justices are weighing a Louisiana law requiring doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital. A federal judge found that just one of Louisiana's three abortion clinics would remain open if the law is allowed to take effect. The federal appeals court in New Orleans, though, upheld the law, setting up the Supreme Court case.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg noted, as she had before, that "among medical procedures, first trimester abortion is among the safest, far safer than childbirth." The abortion clinic in Shreveport at the heart of the case reported transferring just four patients to a hospital out of roughly 70,000 it has treated over 23 years, Justice Elena Kagan noted.

Justice Samuel Alito said the clinic had once had its license suspended, in 2010. Perhaps the biggest question is whether the court will overrule a 2016 decision in which it struck down a similar law in Texas. Since then, Donald Trump was elected president and he appointed two justices, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh,

who have shifted the court to the right. Even with those two additions to the court, Roberts almost certainly holds the deciding vote.

When the justices temporarily blocked the Louisiana law from taking effect a year ago, Roberts joined the court's four liberal justices to put it on hold. Kavanaugh and Gorsuch were among the four conservatives who would have allowed the law to take effect.

Those preliminary votes do not bind the justices when they undertake a thorough review of an issue, but they often signal how a case will come out.

In more than 14 years as chief justice, Roberts has generally voted to uphold abortion restrictions, including in the Texas case four years ago.

It is for now unclear whether Roberts' outlook on the Louisiana case has been affected by his new role as the court's swing justice since Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement, his concern about the court being perceived as a partisan institution and his respect for a prior decision of the court, even one he disagreed with.



Abortion rights demonstrators along with Anti-abortion demonstrators rally outside of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

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One possible outcome is that Roberts and the other conservative justices could find a way to allow Louisiana to enforce the law, without overruling the decision from 2016 in which the court struck down a similar law in Texas. One avenue raised by lawyers for the state and the Trump administration is that the doctors didn't try hard enough to work out arrangements with the hospitals, even

though the trial court found that doctors failed to secure admitting privileges at 15 hospitals over an 18-month period.

That result would be a defeat for abortion rights advocates who have argued that the laws are virtually indistinguishable. But it would allow Roberts something of a middle ground between taking a big step to limit abortion access and reaffirming the court's abortion rulings.

Roberts asked the same question, in slightly different form, to each of the three lawyers who argued before the court. The court in the Texas case found there was no benefit to the women the law was ostensibly intended to help and struck it down as an "undue burden" on women's right to an abortion in violation of the Constitution.

"I understand the idea that the impact might be different in different places, but as far as the benefits of the law, that's going to be the same in each state, isn't it?" Roberts asked Louisiana Solicitor General Elizabeth Murrill.

The Louisiana and Texas situations are not identical, Murrill told the court. "The laws are different, the facts are different, the regulatory structures are different," Murrill said.

Roberts' inquiry seemed to dovetail with questions from Kavanaugh, whose interest was in discerning

whether admitting privileges laws would still impose an "undue burden" in a state that made it easy for abortion providers to get them.

"Could an admitting privileges law of this kind ever have a valid purpose, in your view?" Kavanaugh asked lawyer Julie Rikelman, representing the Shreveport clinic. Rikelman replied: "No, Your Honor. The medical consensus against these laws is clear."

The court also has agreed to review whether abortion providers have the right to go into court to represent the interests of women seeking abortions. A ruling in favor of the state's argument that the providers lack the right to sue in these circumstances, known as third-party standing, would be a devastating blow to abortion rights advocates since doctors and clinics, not individual women who want abortions, file most challenges to abortion restrictions.

But apart from Alito, the justices did not seem especially interested in resolving the case on the standing issue.

Outside the court, protesters on both sides filled the sidewalks just as they have for earlier high court cases on abortion.

Inside, Justice Stephen Breyer sought to capture searing debate over the issue. □

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FBI working to 'burn down' cyber criminals' infrastructure

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. (AP)

— To thwart increasingly dangerous cyber criminals, law enforcement agents are working to "burn down their infrastructure" and take out the tools that allow them to carry out their devastating attacks, FBI Director Christopher Wray said Wednesday.

Unsophisticated cyber criminals now have the power to paralyze entire hospitals, businesses and police departments, Wray

said during a conference on cybersecurity at Boston College. The ever-changing threat has forced law enforcement to get creative and target the dark web sites and other tools at hackers' disposal, he said. "The reality is we are long past the days where we can fight this threat just one by one, one bad guy at a time ... one victim company at a time. We've got to figure out ways to tackle the cyber threat as a whole,"

Wray told the crowd of FBI agents, university officials and others on the Chestnut Hill campus.

The U.S. saw a nearly 40 percent increase in ransomware attacks between 2018 and 2019, said Joseph in Boston. There was an even more dramatic uptick in such attacks in just the four states -- Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island and New Hampshire -- that the Boston office covers, he said.



Bonavolonta, the head of the FBI's office In this Dec. 9, 2019, file photo, FBI Director Christopher Wray speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in Washington.



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"The threat of ransomware is continuing to grow and evolve and we are seeing a shift to more sophisticated, smaller scale ransom-

ware campaigns, which maximizes the impact on the victims to extort higher ransoms," Bonavolonta told the conference. □

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No major Dem candidates yet seek Secret Service protection

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Topless demonstrators crashed a Bernie Sanders rally in Nevada two weeks ago. On Tuesday, two animal rights activists rushed the stage where Joe Biden was giving a victory speech after a stunning primary triumph, and they were carried off, protest signs flailing.

Armed and seriously dangerous threats these individuals were not. But the breaches were concerning enough to prompt an on-line outcry that the Democratic presidential candidates be granted protection by the U.S. Secret Service. That demand was followed by a letter Wednesday from some House Democrats advocating more urgent action.



A protester at left, is held back by Biden adviser Symone Sanders, wearing stripes, face unseen, and Jill Biden, second from right, as Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden stands, at right, during a primary election night rally, Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in Los Angeles.

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None of the Democratic candidates is yet under the protection of the Secret Service, in part because not one of the the major

contenders has formally asked for it. A request generally triggers the agency's assessment of whether to provide protection to can-

didates, according to two people familiar with the matter who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The people were not authorized to publicly discuss the issue.

The leading candidates in 2012 and 2016 all had Secret Service protection at this point in those races. Sanders, a Vermont senator, and Biden, a former vice president, emerged as front runners following Tuesday's primaries.

The Secret Service protects, by statute, the president and vice president and their families, as well as some other senior government officials. It is also authorized to provide protection to major party presidential candidates, an authority granted after the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy in 1968.

Biden, code-named "Celtic," had Secret Service protection from the time he was selected as Barack Obama's running mate through about six months after his term as vice president expired. Unlike presidents, the protection of

former vice presidents does not last for life.

Sanders, code-named "Intrepid," was granted Secret Service protection in February 2016. It ceased not long after he ended his presidential bid.

The process for assigning a security detail to a candidate generally requires that campaigns initiate the request for protection. The Secret Service does a threat assessment and consults with Homeland Security officials and a congressional commission made up of the majority and minority leaders of both chambers, plus another member. The ultimate decision on whether or not to provide protection is made by the Department of Homeland Security.

Biden could be provided a temporary detail under the law because of his status as a former vice president; that call is made at the discretion of the homeland security secretary.

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Mormon-owned BYU: Same-sex romantic behavior still banned

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Brigham Young University in Utah reiterated Wednesday that "same-sex romantic behavior" is not allowed on campus — dashing the hopes of LGBTQ students who thought they could be more open after the college previously revised its code of conduct.

The university owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints posted a letter online, saying it was clarifying a misinterpretation after it dropped a section of the code banning behavior that reflected "homosexual feelings."

A college administrator wrote that the recent revision doesn't change the "moral standards" of the church or the faith's opposition to same-sex marriage. The letter and an accompanying Q&A posted online don't provide details about what romantic behaviors are and aren't allowed, but seem to shut the door on the notion that gay and lesbian couples will be allowed to kiss and hold hands on campus like their heterosexual classmates. "Same-sex romantic behavior cannot lead to eternal marriage and is therefore not compatible with the principles included in the honor code," wrote Paul V. Johnson, commissioner of the church education system.

BYU officials said on Feb. 19 that questions about permitted behaviors by same-sex couples would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis, but the issue hadn't been addressed again until the letter was released Wednesday.

The clarification letter

caused fury and heartbreak among LGBTQ students and allies, said former BYU student Addison Jenkins, a past president of a campus support group for gay and lesbian students. He called it "cruel" to dash the hopes of LGBTQ students who felt the campus climate would become more welcoming, and then two weeks later issue this new letter that shows "anti-queer rules" remain.

"This says: We do not care and we are no longer embarrassed about not caring about queer people," Jenkins said.

Dozens of students gathered on campus Wednesday to protest the letter, holding signs such as "Stop harming our LGBTQ students" and "Love one another." The Salt Lake Tribune reported. They sang "Love One Another" and chanted "Hey hey, ho ho, the Honor Code has got to go."

On social media, LGBTQ students expressed sadness and anger and openly spoke of transferring.

Nathan Cazmersen, a 25-year-old neuroscience major from Seattle, said he objects to changes that don't feel like they reflect the Christ-like behavior that church leaders encourage. Cazmersen is straight and considers himself an ally for LGBTQ friends. Some of them came out for the first time after the changes were made to the honor code, thinking it was safe, he said.

He called it particularly difficult to accept the letter a day after high-ranking church leader M. Russell Ballard said in a speech on campus that it is "evil and



In this April 12, 2019, file photo, Sidney Draughon holds a sign as she takes part in a protest in Provo, Utah, against how the Brigham Young University Honor Code Office investigates and disciplines students.

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horrifying" to marginalize people based on gender, religious preference or sexual orientation.

"I feel like it empowers homophobic rhetoric on campus," said Cazmersen. When asked what the changes meant, BYU spokeswoman Carri Jenkins referred The Associated Press to a Q&A posted Wednesday by Kevin Utt, director of the honor code office. In a section about whether same-sex couples can hold hands and kiss, it refers to an aforementioned line from Johnson and says, "Any same-sex romantic behavior is a violation of the principles of the honor code."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, widely known as the Mormon church, teaches its mem-

bers that being gay isn't a sin but engaging in same-sex intimacy is. The faith has tried to be more welcoming toward LGBTQ people over the past decade, while adhering to its doctrinal belief that marriage is reserved only for heterosexual couples.

An entire section in the BYU code that was dedicated to "homosexual behavior" was removed last month. The clause that upset people said, "All forms of physical intimacy that give expression to homosexual feelings" are prohibited. Students complained that

it was interpreted to be a ban on gay couples holding hands or kissing. Those behaviors are allowed for heterosexual couples, though premarital sex is banned.

BYU's honor code bans other things that are common at other colleges, including drinking, beards and piercings. Students who attend the university in Provo, south of Salt Lake City, agree to adhere to the code, and nearly all are members of the church. Punishments for violations range from discipline to suspension and expulsion. □

Japan suspends annual funding for Hawaii telescope project

HONOLULU (AP) — Japan suspended its yearly funding for a giant telescope project in Hawaii, citing an ongoing stalemate over its construction.

Japan is not completely pulling out of participation in the Thirty Meter Telescope project on the sum-

mit of Mauna Kea, Hawaii Public Radio reported.

An international consortium wants to build the telescope atop the state's highest mountain on the Big Island. Japan supplies components for the telescope.

Tomonori Usuda, telescope

project manager for Japan, confirmed the Japanese government reduced funding for the project due to the situation on Mauna Kea. But Japan is still committed to Hawaii as the preferred site for the telescope, Usuda said.

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Feds investigate nursing home as U.S. death toll hits 11

By GENE JOHNSON, RACHEL LA CORTE and MARTHA BELLISLE

SEATTLE (AP) — The U.S. death toll from the coronavirus climbed to 11 on Wednesday with a patient succumbing in California — the first reported fatality outside Washington state — as federal authorities announced an investigation of the Seattle-area nursing home where most of the victims were stricken.

Officials in California's Placer County, near Sacramento, said an elderly person who tested positive after returning from a San Francisco-to-Mexico cruise had died. The victim had underlying health problems, authorities said.

Washington also announced another death, bringing its total to 10. Most of those who died were residents of Life Care Center, a nursing home in Kirkland, a suburb east of Seattle. At least 39 cases have been reported in the Seattle area, where researchers say the virus may have been circulating undetected for weeks.

Seema Verma, head of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, said the agency is sending inspectors to Life Care along with experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to figure out what happened and determine whether the nursing home followed guidelines for preventing infections.

Last April, the state fined Life Care \$67,000 over infection-control deficiencies following two flu outbreaks that affected 17 patients and staff. An unannounced follow-up inspection in June determined that Life Care had corrected the problems, Verma said.

Meanwhile, public officials in Washington came under pressure to take more aggressive steps against the outbreak, including closing schools and canceling large events. While the state and Seattle have declared emergencies, giving leaders broad powers to suspend activities, they have not issued any orders



Three commuters, center, wear masks as they walk through the World Trade Center transportation hub, Wednesday, March 4, 2020, in New York.

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to do so.

"We have encouraged people who are responsible for large gatherings to give consideration whether it really makes sense to carry those on right now," Gov. Jay Inslee said. "Right now, we are deferring to the judgment ... of these organizations."

While some individual schools and businesses have shut down, the governor said large-scale school closings have not been ordered because "there are so many ramifications for families and businesses," especially for health care workers who might not be able to go to work because of child care responsibilities.

Local and state health officials have not recommended school closings unless the schools have had a confirmed case of the disease.

Jennifer Hayles, 41, of Kirkland, said she was appalled that Inslee and health officials haven't canceled next week's Emerald City Comic Con. The four-day cosplay and pop-culture event draws close to 100,000 people each year, and some participants, including D.C. Comics and Penguin Random House, have pulled out over the virus.

Hayles said she spent hundreds of dollars on tickets

and other items related to the event but will have to skip it because she has a compromised immune system.

"There's a lot of people who are talking about the economic cost of people forced to pull out of Comic Con, but if we have an explosion of cases of coronavirus, the economic cost is going to be much higher," Hayles said.

Comic Con's organizer, Reedpop, announced Wednesday that it would make an exception to its no-refunds policy for those who want their money back, but said it remained committed to holding the event unless local, state or federal officials change their guidance.

Lakshmi Unni said that she was keeping her son, an eighth-grader at Redmond Middle School in Seattle's eastern suburbs, home on Wednesday and that she had urged the school board and principal to close.

"Yesterday at least three kids were coughing," Unni said. "We don't know if they were sick with the virus, but if they do become sick, the chances of spreading are very, very high."

Some schools, businesses and other employers aren't waiting.

Seattle and King County public health officials urged

businesses to allow employees to work remotely if possible, and the county said it will allow telecommuting for some of its workers for the next three weeks.

The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle announced it is canceling events at the complex and requiring non-essential staff to work remotely at least through the end of the month to lessen the chance of infection among patients with weakened immune systems.

School officials in Renton, south of Seattle, announced that Hazen High School will close for the rest of the week after a student tested positive for the coronavirus. Online petitions urged officials to close other schools on Seattle's east side.

The F5 technology company closed its 44-story tower in downtown Seattle after learning an employee had been in contact with someone who tested positive for the virus. Outdoor recreation giant REI shut down its Seattle-area operations for two days as a precaution. A federal immigration field office near Tukwila also closed after an employee visited the Kirkland nursing home. Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf said the move was a precaution and the place will remain shut for 14 days.

Health officials in North Carolina reported that a person from Wake County tested positive for the illness after visiting the nursing home. The patient's flight from the Seattle area to the Raleigh-Durham airport raised fears other passengers were exposed to the virus.

"My understanding is we have the manifest. Now the trick is to go find them," said Robert Redfield of the CDC.

Life Care Center said on its website that it is screening employees for symptoms before they start work and as they leave. The nursing home is prohibiting visits from residents' family members.

Shortly before the California death was announced, Princess Cruise Lines notified passengers of its Grand Princess that federal health officials are investigating a "small cluster" of coronavirus cases connected to the ship's mid-February voyage. It asked current passengers to stay in their cabins until were cleared by medical staff and said those who had been on the previous voyage should contact their doctor if they develop fever or other symptoms.

The Grand Princess is at sea off Mexico and will return early to San Francisco, where CDC and company officials will meet to determine the course of action, the cruise line said.

In Los Angeles, a contract medical worker who was conducting screenings at the city's main airport has tested positive for the virus. The person wore protective equipment while on the job so it was unclear how the worker contracted the virus, Homeland Security officials said.

In New York, health officials put hundreds of residents in self-quarantine after members of two families in the New York City suburb of New Rochelle were diagnosed with the virus. Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the disease appeared to have spread from a lawyer to his wife, two children, a neighbor and two others. □

Cellphone alerts helped Tennessee couple escape to basement

By TERESA M. WALKER

BAXTER, Tenn. (AP) — Billy Dyer's cellphone blared out an emergency alert, then his wife Kathy's phone followed, giving them just enough time to get downstairs and flip on a TV to check the news.

Then the tornado hit.

When the sun rose Tuesday morning, the Dyers emerged to find the walls around their corner bedroom gone. Their mattress was perched precariously on their bed's headboard, with only sky all around.

"Thank God we had enough time to get downstairs to the basement or we would probably not be here," Dyer said.

State emergency officials said 24 people died when fast-moving storms crossed Tennessee early Tuesday. Eighteen of them, including five pre-teen children, died in Putnam County, some 80 miles (130 kilometers) east of Nashville. Eighty-eight more were injured in the county.

Twenty-one people remain unaccounted for, Putnam Sheriff Eddie Farris said, and about 40% of the rubble remains to be searched.

People across Nashville were awakened by outdoor sirens warning of the tornado danger early Tuesday. Sirens also sounded in parts of Putnam County, but in the Dyers' Double Springs community, deep in the Tennessee countryside, no such systems exist. "If the cellphones didn't have the emergency call, it wouldn't have been good," Dyer said.

The twisters ripped off brick facades, bent metal poles and shredded more than 140 buildings while burying people in piles of rubble and wrecked basements. Officials are still assessing the damage.

John C. Tune Airport, a smaller airport in Nashville that generally serves corporate and private aircraft, estimated \$93 million in infrastructure damage, not accounting for 90 de-

stroyed aircraft and other damaged vehicles. Nashville International Airport emerged unscathed.

In Nashville, 33,000 customers remained without power Wednesday, and Nashville Electric Service said most customers able to still receive power will be restored by Monday.

The storm has already spurred an outpouring of private donations, including \$1 million from Tennessee Titans controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk and the Titans Foundation.

Dyer's own 34-year-old daughter, Brooke, found shelter in the basement of the house he grew up in next door, and then "called me screaming and crying." Moments after the tornado passed, he ventured out into the darkness and freed her from the rubble.

"Thank God my mother had a basement, a very small basement," the 64-year-old Dyer said. "She was standing there between the crack of the door screaming and crying, top of the house gone."

Gov. Bill Lee declared an emergency, sent the National Guard to help with search-and-rescue efforts and ordered flags over the state Capitol to fly at half-staff until Friday for those killed. President Donald Trump, who plans to visit Friday, tweeted: "The USA stands with the people of Tennessee 100%, whatever they need!"

National Weather Service survey teams indicated that the damage in Nashville and Wilson County to the east was inflicted by a tornado of at least EF-3 intensity, with wind speeds up to 165 mph (266 kmh), the agency said. One twister wrecked homes and businesses across a 10-mile (16 kilometer) stretch of Nashville, including parts of downtown.

The tornado that struck Putnam County damaged more than 100 structures along a 2-mile (3.2-kilometer) path that wiped some



In this Tuesday, March 3, 2020 photo, Henry Watts works to remove debris from his home after a tornado ripped through the Stanford Estates Neighborhood near Donelson Christian Academy in Nashville, Tenn.

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homes from their foundations and scattered debris. The garage Dyer's father used as an auto mechanic was scraped off its concrete slab, with metal rafters crushing the front and rear of his red Mustang with an Elvis Presley license plate.

Terry Cooler, an elder at the Double Springs Church of Christ, found only a hole in his roof, which he thinks was caused by flying debris. Much worse was the fate of the mother of a deacon at his church, who lost her home in the storm and then was rushed to a hospital for angioplasty and a stent.

"I'm sure the stress didn't help her," Cooler said. "She's 86 and lost everything." Dyer and his neighbors spent Tuesday picking through shattered glass, busted walls and drenched belongings for anything to salvage.

After surveying the damage Tuesday, Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee marveled at people's resilience.

"In the worst of circumstances, the best of people comes out, and that's what we're seeing," he said.

Justin Douglas, 22, was one of them. He's a native of Mt. Juliet outside Nashville, and recently graduated from Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville — both places hit hard by tornadoes. He said he knew some of the victims.

"Back home, there were some family friends that they found laying in the bed with the house collapsed on top of them, and then a guy I went to church with growing up, his daughter passed and I don't know how him and his wife are," Douglas said. "I heard they were in the hospital in rough shape."

Douglas moved his skid-steer loader to the Double Springs area Tuesday night, ready to help clean up Wednesday.

"Well, we need to go help because these are our friends, our neighbors, our family," Douglas said. "We're going to go help." □

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EU commission unveils climate law amid criticism

By **SAMUEL PETREQUIN**

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BRUSSELS (AP) — Amid fierce criticism from environmental activists, the European Commission unveiled plans Wednesday for its first ever climate law, which will act as the basis of the European Union's aim to make the 27-country bloc climate neutral by 2050.

Under its Green Deal agenda, the EU's executive arm wants to legislate to make its ambition of cutting greenhouse gas emissions to zero by mid-century irreversible, and legally-binding for all member states.

"This climate law will set in stone Europe's position as a climate leader on the global stage," said European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen.

To establish the 2050 goal, the European Commission is proposing a mechanism for regularly raising the EU's emissions reduction target over the next three decades. However, there is no plan to increase the bloc's overall emissions goal for 2030.

This particular point has been criticized by climate activists, who claim that delaying the upgraded 2030 target is detrimental to the bloc's credibility in the fight against climate change.

The commission only said it would present a "responsi-



Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, right, and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen attend the weekly College of Commissioners meeting at EU headquarters in Brussels, Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

ble" plan by September on how to raise its current 2030 target of reducing greenhouse gases by 40% from 1990 levels to "at least 50% and towards 55%."

Environmental group Greenpeace voiced concerns that EU governments will "find it extremely difficult to agree a new target" before the next round of U.N. climate talks in Glasgow, Scotland, in November.

A dozen of member states have also expressed their concern and have asked the commission to come up with a 2030 target "as soon as possible and by June 2020 at the latest in or-

der to advance discussions in a timely manner."

Climate activist Greta Thunberg, who attended Wednesday's climate discussions with EU commissioners, dismissed the proposed law.

In an open letter, 34 youth climate activists, including Thunberg, stressed that instead of setting long-term goals, the EU should focus on emissions of carbon dioxide right now if the world is to meet the commitments made five years ago at the Paris climate summit.

Thunberg and her colleagues in the youth climate movement have

been pressing governments to focus on so-called CO2 budgets — the amount of CO2 that can be emitted to keep global warming below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit), and ideally no more than 1.5 C by the end of the century.

But scientists say countries will miss both of those goals by a wide margin unless drastic steps are taken to begin cutting greenhouse gas emissions this year. The European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts said Wednesday that Europe had "the warmest January on record, about 0.2 degrees Celsius warmer

than the previous warmest January in 2007, and 3.1 C warmer than the average January in the period 1981-2010. Average temperatures were especially high over large parts of north-eastern Europe, in some areas more than 6 C above the 1981-2010 January average."

Greenpeace also insists a 55% reduction target for 2030 is insufficient in limiting global heating to 2 C. Environmental group WWF is recommending a cut of at least 65% and is urging the EU to ban subsidies and tax breaks for fossil fuels industries as well as setting up an independent scientific body to supervise the EU's climate change plans.

Green members of the European Parliament accused von der Leyen of giving up her claim to lead in the global climate debate. "In the face of Greta, she is breaking her promise to present ambitious climate targets for 2030," Green lawmaker Michael Bloss said.

To set a common trajectory and impose revised targets to member states every five years from 2023, the commission is planning to adopt legally binding legislation that can enter into force if the European Parliament and European Council, the EU body that represents governments, have no objections. □

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Brawl erupts in Turkey's parliament over Syria involvement

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ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A fight broke out in the Turkish parliament between lawmakers from opposing parties Wednesday during a tense discussion about Turkey's military involvement in northwest Syria.

Video images showed dozens of legislators from President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's party and from the main opposition party pushing each other. In the video, some are seen throwing punches while others try to pull the brawling legislators apart.

Some lawmakers fell to the ground during the fray, Tur-

key's Haberturk television reported.

Fighting is a frequent occurrence in Turkey's parliament. The clash on Wednesday started when Engin Ozkoc of the opposition Republican People's Party took the rostrum. During a news conference shortly before, Ozkoc called Erdogan "dishonorable, ignoble, low and treacherous." He also accused the president of sending the children of Turkey's people to fight while Erdogan's own offspring allegedly avoided long-term military service.

During a speech to members of his party, Erdogan



Legislators push each other as a brawl breaks out in Turkey's parliament in Ankara, Turkey, Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

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himself had accused the opposition earlier of being "dishonorable, ignoble, low and treacherous" for questioning Turkey's military involvement in Syria's northwest Idlib province.

Tensions are running high following the deaths of more than 50 Turkish soldiers in Idlib in the past month, including 33 who were killed in an attack on Thursday.

Turkey sent thousands of troops to Syria to help prevent a Russia-backed Syrian government offensive to retake Idlib province and to support Syrian opposition fighters holed up there. □



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Ukraine prime minister ousted, president seeks 'new brains'

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian lawmakers overwhelmingly voted Wednesday to accept the resignation of the nation's prime minister after a six-month tenure in which his performance came under severe criticism from President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

The president's Servant of the People party dominates the Ukrainian parliament and took the lead in relieving Oleksiy Honcharuk

told lawmakers, adding: "We need results today."

Honcharuk first offered his resignation in January after he was caught on tape saying Zelenskyy — a former sitcom star with no previous political experience — knew nothing about the economy.

Zelenskyy called the situation "unpleasant" but asked Honcharuk to remain prime minister.

Two key Cabinet mem-

bers also lost their posts in a broader government shakeup. Dmytro Kulba, the vice-premier for European affairs, was named the new foreign minister.

The new defense minister is Andriy Taran, formerly the ministry representative in Ukraine's United Nations delegation.

Zelenskyy said that while members of Honcharuk's Cabinet weren't mired in corruption, their efforts to eradicate graft haven't been strong enough.

"It's not enough not to steal," he said. "We promised citizens to win the fight against corruption, and it hasn't even been a tie."

During a short speech to lawmakers, Honcharuk cited low inflation and macroeconomic stability as among his achievements.

He praised Zelenskyy's leadership.

"We have a good president. He's a decent and honest person," he said.

Zelenskyy's approval ratings have dropped significantly since his landslide victory in Ukraine's April 2019 presidential election.

Former Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko described the Cabinet reshuffle as an attempt by Zelenskyy to shore up his sag-

ging popularity by "shifting blame for his own failures."

Zelenskyy, 42, campaigned on promises to end the war with Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine and combat the country's endemic corruption. Zelenskyy initiated a new round of talks to settle the conflict and an exchange of war prisoners, but clashes in the east have persisted. Over the past few months, Zelenskyy also found him-

self embroiled in the impeachment case against President Donald Trump, who was accused of withholding around \$400 million in military aid to Ukraine to pressure it to investigate Democratic presidential rival Joe Biden.

Trump was impeached in December on two counts by the Democratic-run House, but the Republican-run Senate acquitted him on both counts. □



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy gestures as he addresses the Ukrainian parliament in Kyiv, Ukraine, Wednesday, March, 4, 2020.

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of his post. Forty lawmakers abstained from the vote but the message of the 353-0 tally was clear.

Lawmakers later approved Deputy Prime Minister Denys Shmygal to be the new prime minister. Addressing lawmakers before the resignation vote, Zelenskyy said Honcharuk, 35, failed to halt an industrial slump or meet tax collection targets. "We need new brains and new hearts in the government," the president said. Shmygal, 44, who was named deputy prime minister last month, previously served as head of the regional administration in Ukraine's western Ivano-Frankivsk region.

"The citizens' expectations are enormous and their patience is running out," he

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China's schools, forced online by virus, run into censors

By **YANAN WANG**
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Less than 30 minutes into a lecture on bioinformatics, Chu Xin-jian's class was abruptly cut short.

It was the first day of an unusual semester. Across China, schools are shut indefinitely in a bid to contain a new virus that has killed some 3,000 people. Chu's class was one of tens of thousands of courses, from grade school to university, that have been forced online.

Chu's professor was painstakingly sending voice recordings to the class group chat when, without warning, the system disbanded the group for violating China's Internet regulations — a pervasive, almost mundane part of life under Communist Party rule.

The students were puzzled. Was it because of something about the subject matter? Bioinformatics is the science of collecting and analyzing complex biological data. "I'm not sure exactly what phrases triggered it," said Chu, who recounted the incident. "I



This Feb 27, 2020, photo released by Louis Wang, shows his work desk with laptop and textbooks at home in northeast China.

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guess we touched on some sensitive topic."

Major social media platforms including Facebook, YouTube and Twitter are blocked in China, while homegrown ones such as Weibo and WeChat are heavily monitored and

scrubbed for offensive content by the state Cyberspace Administration and police.

Now, the sudden arrival of public education onto platforms that are generally the domain of celebrity livestreamers has thrown

the controls into stark relief. Classrooms are confronting the ubiquity and often arbitrary nature of the ruling Communist Party's online censorship.

Biology courses have been blocked for "pornographic content." History and poli-

tics classes are among the most vulnerable; subjects such as the Cultural Revolution and the Great Leap Forward are regularly censored in classes and online discussions.

Daily life in the world's most populous nation has undergone a radical transformation in the past six weeks. Once-bustling streets are empty, fast-food restaurants offer only takeout service and group activities have been replaced with remote everything — remote work, remote fitness class, remote schooling.

"Classes have stopped but learning will not," the Education Ministry said in a February notice. It has established 24,000 free online courses on 22 web platforms, covering both undergraduate and vocational disciplines.

Yet many lesson plans have been stymied by the country's strict online regulators. Louis Wang, a middle school history teacher in northeast China, said his workload has ballooned because of an arduous approval process for online classes. □

Japan opens part of last town off-limits since nuclear leaks

By **MARI YAMAGUCHI**
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's government on Wednesday opened part of the last town that had been off-limits due to radiation since the Fukushima nuclear disaster nine years ago, in a symbolic move showing the region's recovery ahead of the Tokyo Olympics.

All 7,000 people in the town of Futaba were forced to evacuate when three reactors at a nearby nuclear plant melted down after being damaged by a magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011. The partial lifting of the entry ban comes weeks before the Olympic torch procession starts in another town in Fukushima. The torch could also pass through Futaba, about 4 kilometers (2.4 miles) from the wrecked nuclear plant. Unrestricted access, how-

ever, is only being allowed in a 2.4-square kilometer (less than 1 square-mile) area near the main Futaba train station, which will reopen later this month to connect the town with the rest of the region for the first time since the accident. Access to the vast majority of Futaba is only allowed for those who receive permission for a day visit.

Because key infrastructure is still being rebuilt, residents won't be able to return to live there until 2022.

The three reactor meltdowns at the town's Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant spewed massive amounts of radiation that contaminated the surrounding area, and at its peak forced more than 160,000 people to flee.

The gate at a checkpoint was opened at midnight Tuesday, and Futaba officials placed a signboard



In this Dec. 3, 2019, file photo, weeds grow in an abandoned apartment complex, in Futaba, Fukushima prefecture, Japan.

Associated Press

marking their new town office.

"I'm overwhelmed with emotion as we finally bring part of our town operations back to our home town," Futaba Mayor Shiro Izawa said, pledging further recovery and reconstruction. "Lifting of the no-go zone is not the goal. Our goal is

to see the residents come back and live just like before."

Officials say prospects for the return of Futaba's former residents are grim because of lingering concern about radiation. Many residents have also found new jobs and communities after evacuating, and only

about 10% say they plan to return.

Futaba's registered residents already have decreased by 1,000 from its pre-disaster population of 7,000. Many evacuees ended up in Kazo City, north of Tokyo, after long bus trips, various stopovers and stays in shelters at an athletic arena and an abandoned high school. The town's government reopened in a makeshift office in another Fukushima town, Iwaki.

Even after radiation levels declined to safe levels, the region's farming and fishing continue to be hurt by lingering concerns among consumers and retailers.

The nuclear plant is being decommissioned in a process that will take decades. The government is also building temporary storage for massive amounts of debris and soil from ongoing decontamination efforts. □

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Egyptian army says high-profile Islamic militant executed

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt executed on Wednesday one of its most high-profile militant leaders, the military said, after his conviction for his role in planning scores of deadly attacks against the country's security forces. Hisham el-Ashmawi, a former Egyptian special forces officer turned Islamic militant, was sentenced to death by a military court in November in two separate cases for his participation in scores of militant attacks on government targets. A civilian court also Monday sentenced him to death along with 36 other militants on terror-related charges.

Col. Tamer el-Rifai, a military spokesman, said on his Facebook page that el-Ashmawi was executed Wednesday by hanging. He posted a photo of the militant in a long beard and wearing a bright orange jumpsuit that is usually worn by those sentenced to death.

He said el-Ashmawi was convicted in 14 crimes including a 2014 ambush that killed 22 Egyptian military border guards near the border with Libya, and the 2013 assassination attempt against the interior minister at the time, Mohammed Ibrahim.

El-Ashmawi was captured in October 2018 in the Libyan city of Derna, a longtime bastion of Islamic militants, by the forces of Libyan commander Khalifa Hifter, an Egyptian ally. He was

handed over to Egypt in March. The militant leader has been a valuable target for Egyptian security forces eager to obtain valuable intelligence for its years-long fight against militants. Ashmawi helped found Ansar Beit al-Maqdis, a jihadist organization based in Egypt's northern Sinai province that has seen an insurgency waged there for years. His military expertise — he left the Egyptian army in 2011 — transformed the tiny group into a well-organized guerrilla band that later inflicted painful blows on security forces in Sinai. Beit al-Maqdis swore allegiance to the extremist Islamic State group in November 2014 and took to renaming itself as "Welayet Sinai," or the province of Sinai.

El-Ashmawi, however, did not declare his allegiance to IS, which was then at the peak of its power and controlled about a third of both Iraq and neighboring Syria.

In an audio recording released in 2015 that is believed to be authentic, el-Ashmawi allied himself with the Islamic State group's rival, al-Qaida, led by Egyptian militant Ayman al-Zawahiri. Such attacks have been part of an Islamic insurgency spearheaded by the IS affiliate. The insurgency gained strength after the 2013 military overthrow of a freely elected but divisive Muslim Brotherhood president. □



In this photo taken on Sunday, March 1, 2020, Turkey-backed opposition fighters help a fellow fighter wounded in fighting with Syrian government forces and their allies in Sarmin, south of Idlib, Syria.

Associated Press

Syrian, Turkish armies engage in new deadly clashes in Idlib

By **SUZAN FRASER and VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**
 Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Two more Turkish soldiers were killed Wednesday in a Syrian government attack in Syria's northwest, the country's Defense Ministry said, as steady clashes between the two national armies continued to rack up casualties.

Turkey has sent thousands of troops into the area to support Syrian insurgents holed up there, but hasn't been able to stop a Russian-backed Syrian government offensive to retake Idlib province.

A Syrian opposition war monitor said nine Syrian soldiers were also killed in Turkish drone attacks in the area.

The Turkish Defense Min-

istry's statement said the latest Syrian attack on its troops also wounded six soldiers.

It did not provide further details.

The assault came as Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was scheduled to depart for Moscow, where he said he aims to broker a cease-fire in Syria with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Turkey and Russia are the two main power brokers in Syria and each supports rival sides in the nine-year conflict.

"We expect to reach a shared view of the cause of the current crisis, its consequences and agree on a set of measures to overcome it," Russian presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov said of the upcoming

meeting.

Russian officials have said they hold Turkey responsible for the collapse of a cease-fire agreement reached in Sochi, Russia in 2018. They say Ankara has failed to honor the deal and rein in militants who continued attacking Syrian and Russian targets.

Turkey has rejected the Russian assertion, saying Ankara was making progress against radical groups in Idlib when the Syrian government launched its offensive.

Earlier on Wednesday, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov assailed Turkey for shielding "terrorists" in Idlib, a statement that reflected Moscow's forceful posture ahead of the Syria talks. □



In this April 9, 2018 file photo, flowers lay on symbolic caskets that represent victims of Colombia's civil conflict at Bolivar square in Bogota, Colombia.

Associated Press

Red Cross: 'Life without fear is overdue in Colombia'

Associated Press
BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— The head of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Colombia warned Wednesday that ongoing human rights violations and the forced displacement of thousands from their homes because of violence mean many still live in fear.

The humanitarian organization recorded 352 victims of explosive devices and anti-personnel mines as well as the displacement of more than 25,000 people last year, suggesting the armed conflict is deepening in vulnerable areas.

"Civilians are still suffering the worst consequences of armed conflict and violence," Christoph Harnisch, head of the ICRC's delegation in Colombia, said in presenting the findings. "Life without fear is overdue in Colombia."

Colombia's government signed an historic peace accord with leftist guerrillas from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia in 2016, ending Latin America's longest-running conflict, but the nation is still struggling to combat smaller rebel groups and drug trafficking organiza-

tions in several parts of the country.

The ICRC report documented 987 violations of international humanitarian law including threats, killings, acts of sexual violence and recruitment of minors into illegal armed organizations. There were also 93 new disappearances.

Harnisch noted that armed groups in Colombia today are more fragmented, making it difficult to pursue dialogue and promote humanitarian initiatives.

"The scenario we are seeing today is more complicated than last year," he said.

The report comes on the heels of a similarly critical United Nations report released last week that called on Colombia's government to address the structural causes fueling violence, particularly in rural areas where the state has had little presence.

President Iván Duque, a conservative who has been critical of the peace accord, has defended his government's implementation of the agreement, pointing to investments in building roads and bridges in long neglected parts of the country. □

Venezuela's president urges all women to have 6 children

By **JORGE RUEDA**
Associated Press
CARACAS, Venezuela

(AP) — President Nicolás Maduro wants Venezuelan women to have many children as a way to boost the country, which has seen millions of people flee in recent years to escape its economic crisis.

Maduro made the exhortation during a televised event Tuesday evening for a government program promoting various birth methods.

"God bless you for giving the country six little boys and girls," the socialist president told a woman at the event. "To give birth, then, to give birth, all women to have six children, all. Let the homeland grow!"

The comments drew criticism from human rights activists and others who noted Venezuelans already are struggling to provide food, clothes and health care for their families.

"It is irresponsible, on the part of a president of the Republic, to encourage women to have six children simply to make a homeland, when there is a homeland that does not guarantee children their lives," said Oscar Misle, founder of CECODAP, a group that defends the rights of young people.

The country's economic collapse, coupled with its



In this Feb. 14, 2020 file photo, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro gives a press conference at Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela. Maduro said on Tuesday, March 4, 2020.

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deep political divisions, led more than 4.5 million Venezuelans to emigrate since 2015, according to the United Nations.

The U.N. World Food Program also recently said that 9.3 million people — nearly one-third of Venezuela's population — are unable to meet their basic dietary needs.

"You have to be very cynical to ask that we have six children," said Magdalena de Machado, a housewife picking through scraggly vegetables at a street market in the center of Caracas for making soup for her sons, ages 2 and 4.

"Only two days a week we can serve some meat and chicken. For years we were late having children.

We had them when we thought we were better off, but in the last year we've been buying less and less food," she said.

De Machado and others also questioned how women could be expected to increase births amid the deterioration in the country's health care, both for adults and children.

A report by Humans Rights Watch in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health concluded last year that the health system in Venezuela has "totally collapsed." Among other problems, it cited rising levels of maternal and child mortality as well as the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases. □

Mexico investigates tainted drugs that have killed 2

Associated Press
MEXICO CITY (AP)

— Mexican federal officials say they are investigating a tainted batch of an anti-clotting medication given to dialysis patients at a hospital run by the state-owned oil company that has so far resulted in two deaths.

President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who is from Tabasco state where the hospital is located, said Wednesday he would ask

federal health officials to address the situation and he called the deaths "very unfortunate."

The Petroleos Mexicanos hospital in Villahermosa is monitoring 42 patients who received the tainted medication, including four who remain in intensive care, according to a statement this week from Pemex. The company said federal investigations had been opened into both deaths to determine who was re-

sponsible.

More than 60 dialysis patients at the Pemex Regional Hospital last week received the heparin sodium medication that later tested positive for the bacteria *Klebsiella* spp, according to Pemex.

Pemex operates its own healthcare system, including hospitals, for employees, retirees and their families. The gulf coast state of Tabasco is one of its primary centers of operations. □



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Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino presents 'Evolution': Raise the curtain on a culinary cabaret

ORANJESTAD —Diego Lemasson, Beverage & Food Director at the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino is proud to announce a once-in-a-lifetime culinary experience coming up at the resort. The exclusive dinner has a very limited capacity of 20 covers and will be a completely different concept than the regular upscale wine pairing dinners. This 'Evolution' will sweep you off your feet in all senses: taste, sight, hearing and touch. Make sure you are part of this sensation!

The Stage

Friday March 20 and Saturday March 21 a part of the Renaissance Convention Center will be transformed into another dimension. Imagine a night filled with quality when it comes to food, drinks, entertainment and setting. A night full of surprises that will tantalize your senses. A night where you will be seated on a sliding table that moves the food in front of you and the curtain of this culinary cabaret will be drawn to show you another world. "Besides the impeccable food and wines, entertainment will be an important part of this out-of-the-box concept," says Lemasson.

The Spectacle

The director explains that this will not be a standard upgraded dinner, it is much more. "Rather a full experience where many other things happen. The moment you arrive you will be taken on a journey and you do not really know what to expect, it will be a surprise. We try to promote it as basic as we can. We do understand that some guests wish to have some revelations so we informed that the theme will be around the four seasons; winter,

spring, summer and fall." The menu will be available in front but we recommend people not even to look at it and let themselves be surprised, he continues. "Be open to dive into the experience. Enjoy an upscale evening full of surprises. Come with an open mind willing to try new things. It will captivate you!"

The Players

This event is set up in partnership with wine wholesaler Pepia Est. Some of the exclusive wines presented on the evening will be Perrier Jouët Grand Brut Champagne, France, Rombauer Merlot Napa Valley California, USA and Taylor Fladgate 20yo Port, Portugal. "We are already six months in preparation and have about 40 people working on it, says Lemasson who is in charge of all the operations of the resort including all the bars and restaurants, convention center, casinos, beverage operations and private island. "All the fun parts of the hotel," he jokes. He has close to 400 people under his wings. "Special events is what Renaissance is known for. We did some pop-up dinners with themes and have the Rose All Day lunch as well as the Bartenders Brawl, all growing events. Now we are focusing on an elevated event which will be 'Evolution'. On the long-term we wish this to be a yearly event to look forward to."

Join the Evolution

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Breaking the Aruban gender glass ceiling

ORANJESTAD — A new month for the Creative Islander means a new goal of the month. Each month we highlight one of the seventeen sustainable development goals (SDG) from the United Nations. Since its emergence, Aruba together with other countries have committed themselves to the implementation and achievement of these goals. The month of March is dedicated to all the women and young girls on Aruba. Soon on March 8th we will be celebrating International Women's Day all over the world, and on Aruba. So, that is why this month the Creative Islander will be addressing SDG 5, which focusses on gender equality and women participation.

Women have come a long way over the decades, but the work to be completed is still immense. Considering the approach of the Cultural & Creative Industry (CCI) in contrast to other economies, inclusion and diversity remains a beautiful attribute that sets apart the CCI from the rest. Not only can we consider Aruba as a creative island, but overall, women on the island are very talented, innovative and resourceful. Developing the Aruban Creative Industry will not only foster economic benefits, but will stimulate more opportunities for the marginalized and might provide a diversified social protection option. In the words of our first female Prime Minister "I believe firmly that we must provide women more opportunities, especially our young girls. My mission is to create a better Aruba" – Evelyn Wever-Croes, September 23rd 2019.

Some simple examples of these developments internationally could be the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union. The EU Framework for Action on Cultural Heritage, Cultural, and Creative Sectors and Local Development, is implemented by the OECD and aims to provide evidence and guidance to cities and regions on ways to maximize the economic and social value of cultural heritage and support the emergence of the creative economy. This project works in four different areas: 1. Maximizing the impact of culture and cultural heritage on local development; 2. Increasing the jobs potential of cultural and creative industries, especially for women; 3. Supporting business creation, innovation and growth; and 4. Public and private finance for culture and creative sectors (OECD, 2020). Besides this, there are numerous programs in Asia, Latin America, Central America, Africa, and the Pacific's, where women have been the leaders, entrepreneurs, and front runners of the Creative Industries.

SDG Breakdown

The essence of focusing on gender equality and women participation is different for each country. For Aruba one of the main goals is to recognize gender equality as a priority and to include this into legislative and public policy agenda's. In 2019 Aruba and UN Women agreed to collaborate with each other to ensure that the island is taking the time to prioritize the development and well-being of women on Aruba. However, while these initiatives provide a breakthrough, many times they don't get the proper follow through due to other priorities or lack of guidance, resources, and knowledge on how to start. SDG 5 is comprised into 6 main indicators, and for Aruba priorities should include: End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere; Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation; Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate; Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life; and ensure access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights.

Women in the Creative Industry

It is not a secret that women dominate the creative industry but experience the same struggles of meeting or even breaking the glass ceiling. Cultural & Creative Industries "tend to favor the participation of women compared with more traditional industries. In many developing countries and transition economies, women creators



are more likely to be found in folk art sector" (Franken, 2018). Seemingly, UNCTAD (2010) highlight that as many women work in the Creative Industry, "the creative economy can also play a catalytic role in promoting gender balance in the creative workforce, particularly in developing countries. It can also facilitate greater absorption into the formal national economies of some categories of generally marginalized talented workers involved in creative activities who are usually relegated to the informal sector of the economy" (p. 24).

A Quadruple Responsibility The gender equality discussion and thereafter the responsibility is a shared between four very key stakeholders, which are the government, the private sector, academia, and civil society. The implementation and achievement of the SDGs should be done in a holistic manner, because simply: it was design to be collaborative and multi-disciplinary. By mainstreaming gender equality into all areas of public policy, corporate sustainability, civil advocacy, higher education, and awareness campaigns all four stakeholder groups can align their strategies and operations to this global goal and local prior-

ity. This by systematically and strategically scaling up actions which support the development and livelihoods of women and girls in Aruba.

The empowerment of women and girls is a fundamental human right, and is a critical component for expanding and diversifying Aruba's economic growth, promotion of social protection, and the enrichment of local business development. The responsibility for Aruban businesses goes beyond the baseline and should support and give equal opportunities for women and girls within the labor force. According to the SDG compass (2020) as "the engine for 90 per cent of jobs in developing countries, technological innovation, capital creation and investment, responsible business is critical to the advancement of women's and girls' empowerment around the world. With a growing business case, private sector leaders are increasingly developing and adapting policies and practices, and implementing cutting edge initiatives, to advance women's empowerment within their workplaces, marketplaces and communities".

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Breaking the Aruban gender glass ceiling

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Some of the indicators businesses should consider are for example active policies on zero tolerance for gender-based violence and harassment, zero gender discrimination for new hires, equal salary and remuneration between men and women, and zero discrimination for women who choose to become a mother just to mention a few.

In a case research case of women in the creative industry in Indonesia, the results show that "after several explanations, it can be seen that training and learning factors are key in maintaining the business. With training and learning in good quality then this business will be growing quickly. The other factors (leadership style factors, education background, resources, achievement, experience, need for au-

tonomy, role models and management commitment) also greatly influence the leadership style of business performance (Santi Setyaningsih et al., p.222, 2012). Higher education and training institutions play an important role in this matter. This result is highly supported by the OECD (2020) as they express that the "demand for skilled creative workers is strong and rapidly evolving, both in cultural and creative sectors and other sectors of the economy. To reap these job creation benefits, cities and regions need more reliable data to shape their policies and address the needs of creative employers and self-employed creatives". Interestingly, "from the report 'Enseñansa na Aruba: Relato Estadístico 2016-2017' (Education in Aruba: Statistical Report 2016-2017) in 2016, females represent approximately 50% of the total student population of

Aruba. However, looking at relevant sectors such as the science & technology department at the EPI, only 10% of the 337 students in 2016 are female, thus a low female participation rate in the sciences.

On the other hand, looking at female participation in higher education, in 2016 this reached 67% at the University of Aruba and 94% at the IPA, thus a high female participation rate in remaining fields" (Franken, 2019). The issue is not that women don't participate, because clearly they do, but rather it is on providing more equal access on all areas in their development and lives.

Moving Forward

The gender issue we have been facing for decades on the island is now shifting into more of a public debate and state of awareness. We are now daring to talk, to ask questions, to raise our voices, but are we



willing to walk the talk. The SDGs are merely a policy tool for the government, strategic management benchmark for the public sector, advocacy resource for civil society, but how is Aruba going to secure these women rights? The small steps thus far have been tremendous, but we have a long way to go. The collaboration and the

quadruple responsibility will remain important moving forward. In the spirit of the International Day of the Woman on March 8th, the Creative Islander would like to share positive greetings to all women and girls on this special day and to Aruba: "When women participate in the economy, everyone benefits" – Hillary Clinton. □

Aruba launches new channel: Aruba.TV



ORANJESTAD — Aruba welcomes its first official tourist channel locally and internationally, Aruba.TV. After a joint agreement between Setar/ Telearuba and Leonardo Maduro was established, the island's new channel Aruba.TV had a soft launch September 2019. Aruba.TV team consists of local professional staff members that have expertise in the world of media and live television broadcasting.

Aruba.TV offers a variety of content information that is interesting to our visitors. Aruba.TV offers programming in English and Spanish showing everything you need to know about the island such as where to dine, where to shop, where to relax and where to find the island's best entertainment. Aruba.TV will keep you up to date with the latest trends, entertainment, culture, shopping, restaurants, activities, beaches and tips

to get around the island.

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which now has over 30 million active users.

Aruba.TV looks forward to a successful 2020 with a selection of great programs in the near future such as Carta Blanca, which is a Spanish program about wine and dine in Aruba, also Island Lifestyle, an English program that highlights what it's like to live on the island through the eyes of our locals and immigrants. The main purpose is to engage with you as visitor through our channel.

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An American visitor worth Emerald



EAGLE BEACH — Marouska Heyliger of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the privilege to honor a loyal visitor as Emerald Ambassador. The honorary title is presented on behalf of the minister of Tourism to visitors who come to Aruba for more than 35 years consecutively.

The honoree was **Maryanne Hargreaves from Massachusetts USA**. The event which commemorated her 35th visit was held at Aruba Beach Club. Her son and daughter and family members were also present at this special occasion. Hargreaves loves coming to the island for her Aruban friends, peace and beauty of the island and for the best restaurants and drinking water that the island produces.

Heyliger presented the Emerald Ambassador certificate to Hargreaves and thanked her for choosing Aruba as her home away from home. □

SPORTS



In this Oct. 30, 2019, file photo, Washington Nationals' Max Scherzer celebrates after Game 7 of the baseball World Series against the Houston Astros in Houston.

Associated Press

Aces up: Strasburg, Scherzer help younger Nationals pitchers

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Stephen Strasburg chatted by his locker early in spring training with Wil Crowe — just a World Series MVP and a non-roster invitee for the Washington Nationals plopping themselves on a pair of folding chairs to talk shop during camp's ample idle time. Strasburg discussed "little pointers and some cues" about throwing out of the stretch, Crowe said, before an unexpected offer arrived.

"He said to meet him outside the next morning at 8, on the mound," said Crowe, a 2017 second-round draft pick from the University of South Carolina who split 2019 between Double-A Harrisburg and Triple-A Fresno. "It was just me and him; no coaches, no staff. He watched me do my movements and try to take what he does and blend it into what I do."

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WELL HIELD



Kings hold off Beal, Wizards 133-126

Sacramento Kings guard Buddy Hield, left, shoots over Washington Wizards guard Shabazz Napier, right, during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Sacramento, Calif., Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The Kings won 133-126.

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Bay Hill has strongest field since death of Arnold Palmer

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — So much for the notion the Arnold Palmer Invitational wouldn't be as attractive when its namesake was no longer around.

Rory McIlroy, Brooks Koepka, Adam Scott and a host of other top players at Bay Hill this week give the tournament its strongest field since Palmer died in September 2016.

The condition of the course is good as ever. Florida in March has warmth in the air and the increasing buzz that the Masters is right around the corner.

And it's still Arnie's place.

"The legacy of my grandfather, it just doesn't go away," Sam Saunders said Wednesday. "And he's not here to shake hands with the players and see them, but the impact ... they feel it. They know how important this event is."

Tiger Woods chose not to play as he picks his tournaments more sparingly because of a fused lower spine. He has played Bay Hill just once — a tie for fifth in 2018 — since winning for the eighth time in 2013.

Even so, the Arnold Palmer Invitational is more than holding its own against a schedule that features two World Golf Championships and The Players Championship in the weeks leading to Augusta National.

"It's very, very hard to pick and choose right now because this is such a strong part of the year," Graeme McDowell said.

McDowell regrets going to a World Golf Championship in Mexico City, mainly because he didn't get much out of the high altitude with his low ball flight.

There was a time when players never would have considered skipping a World Golf Championship with its big purse (\$10.5 million) and small field with no cut. Now it's getting harder to distinguish.

Bay Hill has a \$9.3 million purse, a 120-man field (with a cut) and strong world ranking points. Ditto for the Genesis Invitational at Riviera last month, which has



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland follows his tee off at the second during the final round for the WGC-Mexico Championship golf tournament, at the Chapultepec Golf Club in Mexico City, Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020.

Associated Press

the same elevated status with a big purse, smaller field and ranking points that are among the highest for regular tour events.

The other tournament in that elevated category, the Memorial, has been among the strongest for years.

It's a question whether they have become stronger with the added perks, or if the World Golf Championships are not revered as much as they were when they began in 1999. It could be a little of both.

Scott said so much has changed in 20 years. The tour now has 10 tournaments outside the U.S. — the U.K., Canada, Japan, China, South Korea, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and two in Mexi-

co. When the World Golf Championships began, the only events outside the U.S. on the PGA Tour schedule were two in Canada, the British Open and Spain.

"It was much harder to get the world's top players together," Scott said. "Most of the world's top players play on the PGA Tour as a PGA Tour member now."

In 1999, the World Golf Championships, the Tour Championship and The Players Championship had the largest purses at \$5 million. The largest purse for a regular PGA Tour event was \$3 million.

Bay Hill, Memorial and Riviera now have \$9.3 million purses, a little more than \$1 million less than the WGCs and about \$2 million to \$3 million less than the majors.

The Players Championship has gone up to \$15 million this year.

"They were significantly more money," Scott said of the WGCs. "Now everything is a lot of money."

So many tournaments. So much more money. So many options.

Koepka skipped the WGC in Mexico City and is playing five straight events, including the Valspar Championship. Dustin Johnson was in Mexico and has taken two weeks off before going to The Players, Valspar and the Match Play. Justin Thomas has skipped the last two weeks and will play the next three. Jon Rahm played four in a row through Mexico and then took two weeks off.

Rory McIlroy, who first

reached No. 1 in the world by winning the Honda Classic in 2012, missed last week. He plans to play five of the next six through the Masters, missing only the Valspar Championship at Innisbrook.

Bay Hill is personal for McIlroy on many levels.

Palmer finally persuaded him to come in 2015, and they had lunch and grew close. He'll always have that memory. And then two years ago, McIlroy ended his longest drought by closing with a 64 to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

He was No. 13 in the world when he arrived. He returns this week at No. 1 thanks to a two-year stretch of winning five times in his last 47 events worldwide, with 64% of his finishes in the top 10.

"I feel like this place is a lot of special memories to me," McIlroy said. "It was definitely the catalyst to do what I've done over the past two years and ascend back to the top of the world rankings."

NOTES: Augusta National says it will proceed with its 12 days of golf that concludes with the Masters while closely monitoring developments with the coronavirus.

Chairman Fred Ridley said in a statement Wednesday the club has consulted with the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Georgia health authorities.

Based on the current situation, Ridley says the club will proceed with the Augusta National Women's Amateur (April 1-4), the Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals on April 5 and the Masters the following week.

"We will continue to review the available facts and information with the experts and authorities, establish precautions and take appropriate action to ensure the safety of all involved," Ridley said.

He encouraged those traveling to Augusta to study the most recent travel protocols and restrictions, and to follow recommendations of the CDC to prevent the spread of any virus. □

Despite virus, IOC unwavering on Olympics starting in July

By GRAHAM DUNBAR

AP Sports Writer

LAUSANNE, Switzerland

(AP) — Despite worldwide concern and speculation about whether the fast-spreading virus outbreak will affect the Tokyo Olympics, the IOC's leadership is not joining in the debate.

"Neither the word cancellation nor the word postponement was even mentioned," International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach told a news conference Wednesday about the second day of executive board meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Bach sought to project calm assurance after holding a conference call with local organizers. In Tokyo, officials then briefed local media, some of whom wore protective masks.

Asked how he could be so confident the July 24-Aug. 9 Olympics will go ahead as scheduled, Bach replied: "Because we talk to the experts."

"We are a sports organization and we follow the advice of the World Health Organization," Bach said, referring to the United Nations agency based around 60 kilometers (40 miles) away in Geneva.

The coronavirus that emerged in China late last year had infected more than 90,000 people globally by Wednesday and caused over 3,100 deaths. Serious outbreaks have been experienced in Iran and Italy.

Federal authorities in the IOC's home country Switzerland, which shares a border with Italy, have banned public gatherings of 1,000 people until mid-March to help contain the virus spreading.

Around 100 people were in a conference room at IOC headquarters to hear Bach use broadly similar answers to bat away virus questions from different angles.

"I will not add fuel to the flame of speculation," Bach said when asked about deadline for deciding whether to postpone the

Tokyo Games.

Asked if the WHO declaring a pandemic would change the IOC's position, Bach said: "I will not take part in any way of such kind of mere speculations." Bach said he took confidence from having met the WHO's director general and other leading officials last Friday. A task force of officials from the WHO, IOC and Japanese sports and public officials has also been working together for around three weeks.

The virus has affected qualifying competitions for many of the 33 sports on Tokyo's medal program, which some postponed, venues changed, and trav-

el issues for athletes from China and elsewhere.

"This is challenging, yes," Bach acknowledged, "but I must also say I'm pretty proud of the Olympic movement, for the great solidarity and flexibility everybody has shown so far." Bach, who won a gold medal in fencing at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, was also asked if he had experienced a period as stressful as this in his 50 years as an athlete and sports official.

"Many," he said, citing concerns of nuclear war with North Korea before the 2018 Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea, and the Zika virus before



International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Thomas Bach from Germany speaks during a press conference after the executive board meeting of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), at the Olympic House, in Lausanne, Switzerland, Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Associated Press

the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics. He also noted boycotts at each Summer Games from 1976 to 1984 and the terrorist attack at the 1972 Munich Olympics. "Do you need more?" he said.

In IOC board decisions on Wednesday:

— The Olympic push toward gender equality means a change in flag-bearing protocol for the opening ceremony at the Tokyo Games. □

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Washington Nationals pitchers Stephen Strasburg, right, and Patrick Corbin throw bullpen sessions during spring training baseball practice Friday, Feb. 14, 2020, in West Palm Beach, Fla. Associated Press

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Fans know what Strasburg and three-time Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer can do when they're on a mound for the Nationals, whose exhibition schedule resumes Thursday against St. Louis after Wednesday's day off. Their bona fides make that obvious. Less so is what that pair, Patrick Corbin and Aníbal Sánchez — the starters who form what Washington manager Dave Martinez jokingly calls

the "Four Amigos" — do behind the scenes to teach less-experienced pitchers in the organization.

"It's just a part of being a good teammate and caring about the guy next to you. As you get older, all the players around you seem to get younger and younger. You just kind of have to make yourself available. It's important for the young guys to want to speak up and ask questions, because once they

realize that we're very approachable -- I think we all are -- they'll see you can learn from anybody," said Strasburg, who is 31 as he enters the first season under a \$245 million, seven-year contract.

"I can learn something from a Wil Crowe, purely because his path to this point could be completely different from what I had to go through. You can get helpful feedback from anybody in this clubhouse," Strasburg said. "That doesn't necessarily mean they should listen to everything we have to tell them -- or that we can't listen to things they've picked up along the way." Martinez and his pitching coach, Paul Menhart, refer to Strasburg, et al., as assistant coaches. Scherzer, 35, described the process as giving others "crumbs at a time," because "when you figure it out yourself, it's a lot more powerful than when somebody else tells you how to do it."

They give tips on arm slot or grips, say, between-start

routines or pitch sequencing.

Just like they got such advice, years ago.

Separately, Strasburg and Scherzer both mentioned Dan Haren as someone who guided them when he was their teammate -- Strasburg in Washington, Scherzer in Arizona.

"They're giving back to the next generation. When Max goes into our minor league facility when their spring training starts, which he's done the last three years, and teaches them 'Pitching 101' and what he does and how he prepares and that type of thing, that's invaluable," Nationals GM Mike Rizzo said. "He's up at 6 in the morning to come down here and talk to 50 minor league pitchers that are trying to take his job. ... If you're a pitcher with any kind of sense at all, why wouldn't you just try to mirror what these great pitchers do? If just one thing wears off from Stras or Max or Patrick or Sánchez, you've gained a lot."

Austin Voth, competing to

be Washington's No. 5 starter, said Scherzer is "always trying to get me to pitch from the ball of my foot," for example. Voth said Strasburg showed him how he holds the baseball for a changeup.

Another righty trying to earn that final rotation spot, Joe Ross, said Strasburg gave insight into how he finishes his curveball. Ross spoke to Sánchez about his butterfly changeup. Scherzer, Ross said, explained "the mentality of kind of attacking hitters and setting up pitches and things like that, when you can miss and where you can miss."

"There might be things you don't even really think about, but their point of view can rub off," Ross said, "and then you take it into a game and it might immediately affect your stuff or how you do."

The morning Strasburg worked with the 25-year-old Crowe -- on positioning of legs and feet, mainly -- Sánchez was at a mound nearby, tutoring another non-roster invitee. □

Nets rally to stun Celtics in OT behind LeVert's 51 points

By The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Caris LeVert scored 37 of his career-high 51 points in the fourth quarter and overtime to help the Brooklyn Nets erase a 21-point, second-half deficit and beat the Boston Celtics 129-120 on Tuesday night.

It was a stunning end to a four-game losing streak for Brooklyn, which is trying to hold onto the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Boston has lost two straight.

LeVert had all of Brooklyn's 11 points in the extra period, finishing just three points shy of the Nets' season high for a player. He sent the game to extra frame, getting fouled on a 3-point attempt by Marcus Smart and connecting on all of his free throws with 0.2 seconds left.

Jaylen Brown led Boston with 22 points. Kemba Walker returned to action following a five-game absence with left knee soreness and had 21 points. Smart added 14 points and 10 rebounds before fouling out in overtime.

LAKERS 120, 76ERS 107

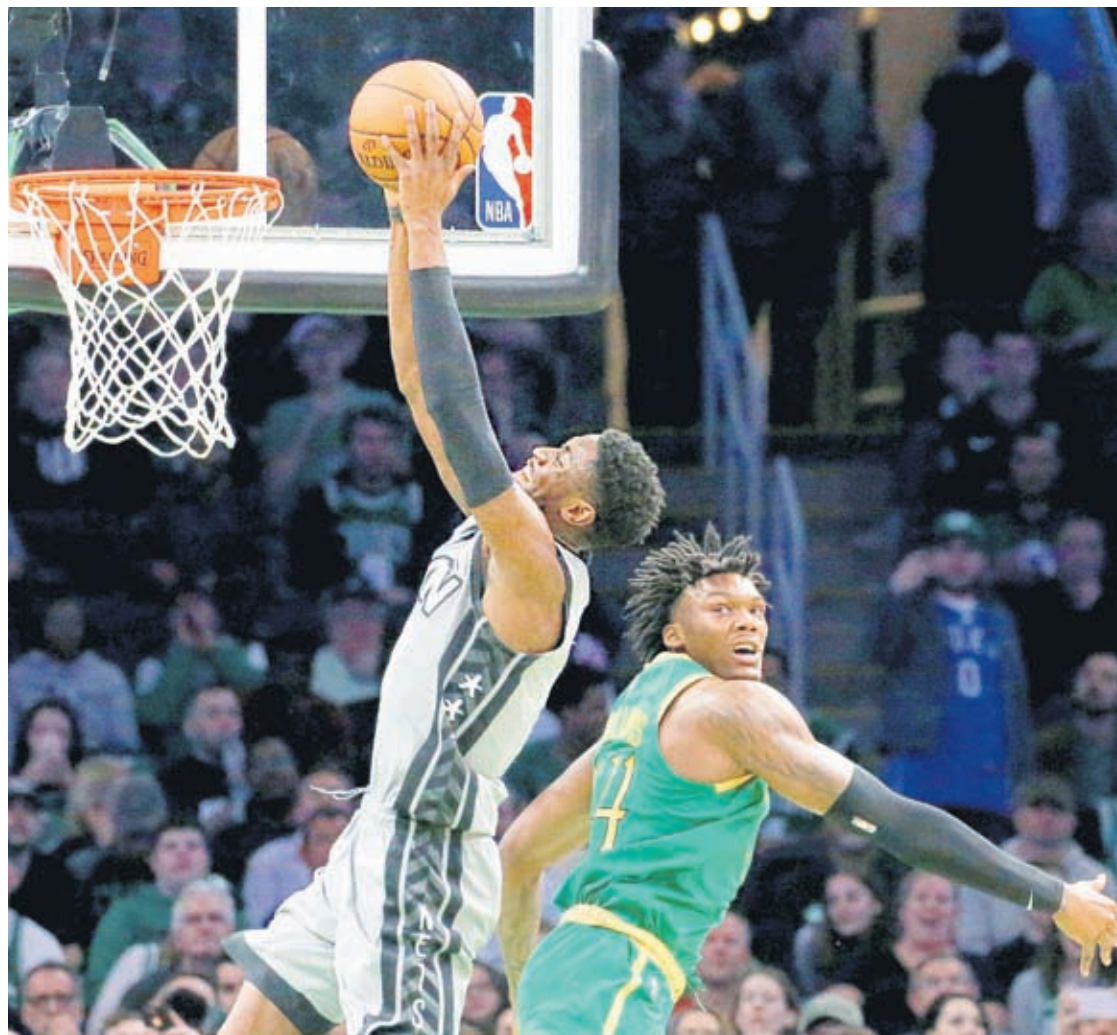
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anthony Davis scored 18 of his 37 points during a phenomenal second-quarter surge, and Los Angeles held off injury-depleted Philadelphia. LeBron James had 22 points, 14 assists and seven rebounds for the Lakers, who moved to 47-13 with their ninth win in 10 games. Davis hit four 3-pointers while going 13 of 19 from the field and grabbing 13 rebounds.

The Lakers needed every bit of their All-Stars' brilliance to hold off a solid effort by the undermanned Sixers, who played without injured starters Joel Embiid, Ben Simmons and Josh Richardson.

Glenn Robinson III matched his career high with 25 points and Tobias Harris had 18 for the Sixers, who have lost nine consecutive road games since Jan. 20.

SPURS 104, HORNETS 103

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Dejounte Murray scored 21 points and San Antonio gave Tim Duncan his first



Brooklyn Nets guard Caris LeVert (22) drives to the basket past Boston Celtics center Robert Williams III (44) during the second half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in Boston. Associated Press

victory as an acting head coach.

Spurs longtime coach Gregg Popovich missed the game while dealing with "personal business," according to the team. Popovich is expected to return to the bench for Friday night's game against the Brooklyn Nets.

The team would not say if Popovich made the trip to Charlotte.

Terry Rozier had 20 points and P.J. Washington added 19 with five 3-pointers for the Hornets.

TIMBERWOLVES 139, PELICANS 134

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Malik Beasley scored 28 points, D'Angelo Russell scored 14 of his 23 points in the second half, and Minnesota beat New Orleans.

Zion Williamson scored 25 points and Jrue Holiday had 27 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds for New Orleans, which dropped its second straight at home and fell four games behind Memphis for the Western Conference's final playoff spot.

The Pelicans need to pile

up wins in the season's final weeks to reach the playoffs. A game against a Minnesota team that came in having won twice in its past 22 games was a clear opportunity to win for the seventh time in 10 games.

Instead, New Orleans hurt itself by turning the ball over 15 times, missing 25 of 39 3-point attempts, missing 11 of 27 free throws and repeatedly breaking down defensively, particularly along the perimeter.

CLIPPERS 109, THUNDER 94

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Kawhi Leonard scored 25 points to help Los Angeles beat Oklahoma City.

Montrezl Harrell and former Thunder player Paul George each added 16 points for the Clippers, who won their fifth straight. George received a warm

reception from Oklahoma City's fans. The Thunder traded him last summer.

Dennis Schroder scored 24 points and former Clippers Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and Danilo Gallinari each scored 15 for the Thunder, who lost their second straight. The 15-point margin matched Oklahoma City's worst home loss of the season.

WARRIORS 116, NUGGETS 100

DENVER (AP) — Eric Paschall scored nine of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, Andrew Wiggins turned in a double-double and Golden State rallied to stun Denver.

A 16-point underdog, the Warriors were down 77-65 with 5:08 left in the third quarter. They went on a 43-15 run to take control.

Wiggins finished with 22 points and 10 assists for the Warriors, who won for just the second time in 11 games. Dragan Bender scored 14 on the last day of his 10-day contract.

Will Barton and Paul Millsap each had 18 points as the Nuggets fell behind the Los Angeles Clippers for the second seed in the Western Conference. Nikola Jokic scored 16 points and had 13 rebounds in a perplexing loss on the heels of beating the defending champion Toronto Raptors.

RAPTORS 123, SUNS 114

PHOENIX (AP) — Pascal Siakam scored 33 points, Kyle Lowry added 28 and Toronto rallied in the second half to snap a three-game losing streak.

Norman Powell added 26 points while Chris Boucher gave the Raptors crucial production off the bench, finishing with 19 points and 15 rebounds.

The Suns have lost four straight games. They pulled within 114-113 with 2:22 remaining but Boucher responded with a 3-pointer and the Raptors pulled away. Devin Booker led Phoenix with 22 points while rookie Cameron Johnson had a career-high 21.

KINGS 133, WIZARDS 126

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — De'Aaron Fox scored 31 points and Sacramento held on after blowing a 28-point lead to beat Washington.

Bogdan Bogdanovic finished with 21 points, Buddy Hield scored 17 and Cory Joseph added 14 as the Kings had seven players in double figures on a wild night when they won despite being held to 19 points in the third quarter. Bradley Beal had 35 points for Washington. Rui Hachimura added 20 points and Davis Bertans scored 18 on six 3-pointers. □



Crosby collects 800th assist, Penguins snap 6-game skid

By The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Sidney Crosby scored and collected his 800th career assist as the Pittsburgh Penguins ended a six-game losing streak with a 7-3 win over Ottawa on Tuesday night. Crosby became the 32nd player in NHL history to reach the 800-assist plateau when he earned the secondary assist on Jason Zucker's goal 36 seconds into the third period that put the Penguins up 5-1. The 32-year-old Crosby needed just 980 games to get to 800, the sixth-fastest ever.

Bryan Rust collected his third career hat trick for the Penguins, who tied a season high in goals.

Pittsburgh defenseman John Marino scored 48 seconds into his return after missing 11 games due to facial surgery, giving the Penguins the early lead. Conor Sheary capped off a three-goal first period outburst as Pittsburgh halted the franchise's longest losing streak in more than eight years. Matt Murray finished with 23 saves to win for just the second time in his last seven starts.

Jayce Hawryluk, Brady Tkachuk and Connor Brown scored for the Senators but Ottawa couldn't keep pace with the Penguins.

BRUINS 2, LIGHTNING 1

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Brad Marchand and NHL-leading Boston took a big stride toward winning the Atlantic Division with a win over Tampa Bay.

Marchand and Jake DeBrusk scored for the Bruins, who opened a nine-point cushion over second-place Tampa Bay in the division standings with 15 games remaining in the regular season.

Tukka Rask made 20 saves



Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby (87) looks to pass as Ottawa Senators' Connor Brown defends during the first period of an NHL hockey game, Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in Pittsburgh.

Associated Press

for Boston, which has won three straight and eight of 10.

Mitchell Stephens scored for Tampa Bay, which has lost five of the past six in regulation. Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 33 shots.

BLACKHAWKS 6, DUCKS 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Dylan Strome, Alex Nylander and Patrick Kane scored on consecutive shots late in the second period, leading Chicago past Anaheim.

Strome scored twice and added an assist in the rout. Chicago won its third straight game while chasing a wild-card playoff spot in the Western Conference. Drake Caggiula and David Kampf also scored for the Blackhawks.

Danton Heinen and Carter Rowney scored for Anaheim, which lost for the sixth time in eight games (2-5-1).

BLUES 3, RANGERS 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Brayden Schenn scored the tie-breaking goal midway through the third period and Jordan Binnington made 25 saves as St. Louis won its eighth straight game.

Schenn scored for the fifth consecutive game when his wraparound banked off the skate of goalie Alexandar Georgiev at 9:56. Jaden Schwartz and defenseman Colton Parayko each had a goal and had assists on Schenn's 25th of

the season.

Mika Zibanejad scored for the Rangers, who lost their third straight.

Binnington won his sixth in a row for the Stanley Cup champion Blues (40-17-10), who have the best record in the Western Conference and previously had winning streaks of seven and eight games this season.

CANADIENS 6, ISLANDERS 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Brendan Gallagher had a goal and an assist in a three-goal first period, and Montreal went on to beat the Islanders.

Joel Armia also had a goal and an assist, and Jeff Petry, Charles Hudon, Paul Byron and Jordan Weal also scored for the Canadiens, and Phillip Danault had two assists. Carey Price stopped 20 shots to improve to 14-6-4 against the Islanders.

Brock Nelson and Ryan Pulock scored for the Islanders, who have lost four straight and eight of their last 10 games (2-6-2). Thomas Greiss gave up three goals on 12 shots in the first period for the Islanders. Semyon Varlamov replaced him to start the second and finished with 12 saves.

JETS 3, SABRES 1

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Forward Kyle Connor had two goals and an assist to lead Winnipeg over Buffalo.

Connor scored on the

power play and at even strength, and he set up a short-handed goal.

Defenseman Tucker Poolman also scored for Winnipeg. Connor Hellebuyck made 25 saves.

Defenseman Rasmus Ristolainen scored for Buffalo midway through the second period. Carter Hutton stopped 33 shots.

WILD 3, PREDATORS 1

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Kevin Fiala scored for the fifth straight game for Minnesota, this time against his former team, and the Wild beat Nashville to pass the Predators in the Western Conference playoff race.

Luke Kunin and Zach Parise also had goals and Alex Stalock made a season-high 37 saves for the Wild, who have won four times during Fiala's streak.

Craig Smith scored on the power play to end Nashville's scoreless streak at 70:02. The Predators lost their third straight game and had a seven-game winning streak against Minnesota snapped.

OILERS 2, STARS 1, OT

DALLAS (AP) — Alex Chiasson scored a power-play goal 1:08 into overtime, Mikko Koskinen stopped 42 shots and Edmonton beat Dallas.

The Oilers got a man advantage 36 seconds into the extra period when Esa Lindell was called for trip-

ping after reaching out with his stick in front of the Dallas net. Chiasson's ninth goal of the season, past Anton Khudobin, ended the game soon after that.

Edmonton won its third in a row. Dallas took its second overtime loss in a row.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins scored in regulation for Edmonton, and John Klingberg scored for Dallas.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 3, DEVILS 0

LAS VEGAS (AP) — William Karlsson scored his 100th career goal, Robin Lehner stopped 27 shots in his 300th career game and Vegas beat New Jersey.

Lehner, who was acquired in a trade with Chicago on Feb. 24, recorded his first shutout of the season and improved to 2-0-0 since joining the Golden Knights. He beat Buffalo in first start for Vegas.

Max Pacioretty and Ryan Reaves also scored for the Golden Knights.

New Jersey's Mackenzie Blackwood, who went 6-0-1 with two shutouts, had a .967 save percentage and a league-best 1.27 goals-against-average during the month of February, made 29 saves but fell to 0-2-0 against Vegas. In his two starts against the Golden Knights this season, Blackwood has allowed seven goals.

SHARKS 5, MAPLE LEAFS 2

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Evander Kane scored two goals to give San Jose its first three-game winning streak since November with a victory over Toronto.

Stefan Noesen got the tie-breaking goal early in the third period and Kane added an insurance tally 50 seconds later. Antti Suomela also scored and Radim Simek added an empty-netter.

Martin Jones made 25 saves for San Jose.

Auston Matthews scored his 46th goal of the season and assisted on a dazzling goal by Mitch Marner, but the Maple Leafs failed to get their first four-game winning streak since December.

Jack Campbell stopped 33 shots. □





New York Islanders defenseman Johnny Boychuk (55) takes a skate to the face as Montreal Canadiens left wing Artturi Lehkonen (62) falls to the ice in front of the goal during the third period of an NHL hockey game, Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in New York. Islanders defenseman Ryan Pulock (6) and Canadiens center Jordan Weal (43) are nearby.

Associated Press

Isles' Boychuk gets 90 stitches after taking skate to face

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Islanders defenseman Johnny Boychuk needed 90 stitches to his eyelid after being hit in the face with a skate but suffered no damage to his eye, president and general manager Lou Lamoriello said Wednesday. Boychuk was cut Tuesday night when he was hit by Artturi Lehkonen's skate as the Montreal Canadiens left wing fell forward. "Johnny Boychuk is OK. There's been no damage to his eye," Lamoriello told reporters. "He felt the skate blade get his eye, but fortunately, it just got the eye-

lid. It took 90 stitches to fix; a plastic surgeon took care of it. I don't want to exaggerate with the stitches because they do very small stitches, but there were 90 of them." Both players were in front of the Islanders' net during the third period when Lehkonen fell, causing his legs to go into the air and his right skate to connect with Boychuk under the visor. Boychuk was down on the ice briefly before he got up and skated off the ice with his hand covering his face. There is no timetable on his return. □

Smoke returns: Stewart plans to race on Indy road course

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Smoke is hoping to kiss the bricks one more time. NASCAR Hall of Famer driver Tony Stewart announced plans Wednesday to drive in the Xfinity Series race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on July 4. The three-time NASCAR Cup Series champion and 2020 Hall of Fame inductee will headline the race held on the 14-turn, 2.44-mile road course. The 48-year-old Indiana native has competed in 18

Brickyard 400s, five Indianapolis 500s and four IROC Series races at the famed track. He is a two-time Brickyard 400 winner (2005, 2007) and a member of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame. He retired from full-time NASCAR racing after the 2016 season. "Everyone knows what Indy means to me, so I can't think of a better place to race on Fourth of July weekend," said Stewart, who grew up 45 minutes from Indy. □



Ryan Newman (6) goes airborne after crashing into Corey LaJoie (32) during the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race Monday, Feb. 17, 2020, at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. Newman did not suffer life-threatening injuries in the incident.

Associated Press

Daytona tweaks Speedweeks, moves Clash onto road course

By MARK LONG
AP Sports Writer

NASCAR will hit the road for its first race in 2021, part of a schedule shakeup that starts at Daytona International Speedway. The track announced several changes to the start of the annual racing season Wednesday. They include running the exhibition Busch Clash on the 3.56-mile road course that winds through the Daytona infield and packing seven races as well as Daytona 500 pole qualifying into a six-day span.

The tweaks eliminate two traditional "dark days" at the track during Speedweeks and should provide a better fan experience leading into NASCAR's premier event, the Daytona 500.

"This has been in the works with NASCAR for a while," track President Chip Wile told The Associated Press. "We really want to continue to evolve. Obviously, there's a ton of fan interest around road-course racing. We've had a road course here since 1959 and we feel like what better way to showcase the property and differentiate that race even more from the

Daytona 500 than running the road course under the lights?"

NASCAR teams have pushed for a shorter season for years, arguing that the 12-week offseason is too short given how little downtime there is during the racing calendar.

The sanctioning body is expected to make significant changes to its 2021 schedule, which could include more short tracks, mid-week races and double-headers. Overhauling Speedweeks is the first of what's expected to be many new looks ahead.

The week will shape up like this: the Clash will run Tuesday night, Feb. 9, followed the next day by Daytona 500 pole qualifying that sets the front row for "The Great American Race." Qualifying races that set the rest of the field, called the "Duels," will remain a Thursday staple and be run under the lights for the eighth consecutive year.

The Trucks Series season opener will run Friday night, as usual, with the ARCA and second-tier Xfinity Series openers running as a double-header Saturday. Practices, qualifying runs and Daytona 500 media

day will be sprinkled in throughout the week.

Pole qualifying, the Clash and the ARCA race typically run the weekend before the 500. But NASCAR is starting the Daytona 500 a week earlier than normal in 2021. It will run on Valentine's Day, one week after the Super Bowl.

Since it was unlikely NASCAR would go head-to-head against the Super Bowl, it seemed like the obvious choice would be to cram Speedweeks into a single week.

"We're not condensing the schedule," Wile said. "We're being more efficient. We'll have the same number of track activities and track days. We're just doing it consecutively instead of over two weekends."

Traditionalists surely will gripe. After all, some welcomed the allure of spending two weeks in sunny Florida, where drivers often can be spotted at Disney World, the beach and other tourist spots.

"I'd miss it," driver Austin Dillon said before the 500, anticipating changes. "I like being down here for this long. I enjoy this week. I think it's a great start to our season." □

GM shows 13 electric vehicles as it tries to run with Tesla

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors, trying to refashion itself as a futuristic company with technology to compete against Tesla, rolled out plans Wednesday for 13 new electric vehicles during the next five years. The company touted an exclusive new battery technology that could propel some of the vehicles as far as 400 miles (644 kilometers) on a single charge as it tries to capture electric vehicle enthusiasm that has brought wild growth to rival Tesla's share price. At an event for investors, dealers and analysts at its sprawling technical center in the Detroit suburb of Warren, Michigan, GM executives said the new vehicles would be built using modular chassis and drive systems for manufacturing simplicity.

GM will be able to build trucks, cars, SUVs and even an autonomous shuttle based on the new systems, the company said. The global vehicles will include affordable transportation, work trucks, luxury SUVs and performance vehicles. CEO Mary Barra said GM will be able to build at a large scale, similar to its profitable full-size truck business. "We want to put everyone



This photo provided by General Motors shows GM's all-new modular platform and battery system, Ultium, at the Design Dome on the GM Tech Center campus in Warren, Mich., on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Associated Press

in an EV, and we have what it takes to do it," she said at a presentation for investors. Some of the new vehicles will be able to go from zero to 60 mph (97 kilometers per hour) in as little as three seconds — performance that rivals electric vehicle sales leader Tesla Inc.

New all-electric models will come from the Chevrolet, Cadillac, GMC and Buick

brands starting this year, beginning with the Cadillac Lyriq luxury SUV to be unveiled in April. A new Chevrolet Bolt small SUV comes in the summer of 2021. There's also the GMC Hummer EV pickup coming to dealers in the fall of 2021.

GM also has plans for three more Cadillac SUVs, a mid-size Chevrolet SUV, two Buick SUVs, a GMC Hum-

mer SUV, a Chevrolet full-size pickup with 400 miles of range, a luxury Cadillac car and the Cruise Origin, an autonomous electric shuttle.

With fewer parts than petroleum-powered vehicles, electric vehicles will be much cheaper and simpler to build, reducing manufacturing costs, GM said. The company plans 19 different battery and elec-

tric motor and transmission combinations, compared with 550 internal combustion powertrain combinations available today.

The company said a joint venture with Korean battery maker LG Chem will use a low-cobalt chemistry to drive down battery costs to below \$100 per kilowatt hour.

Executives told the group that the next generation of GM's electric vehicles will be profitable.

Barra said the new vehicles can increase sales and market share, and the batteries and drive units could be licensed to other companies to bring in more revenue.

She said the company plans to sell more than 1 million electric vehicles in North America and China by the middle of the decade. To get there, GM will spend more than \$20 billion developing the vehicles through 2025, she said.

Electric vehicle sales will have to grow substantially both worldwide and in the U.S. for GM to meet its targets. Last year manufacturers sold just over 236,000 fully electric vehicles in the U.S., about 1.4% of total new vehicle sales, according to Autodata Corp. □



In this May 8, 2018, file photo, a Waymo logo is displayed on the door of a car at the Google I/O conference in Mountain View, Calif.

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google's former autonomous vehicle project is becoming a more autonomous business by bringing it in its first investors besides its corporate parent. Waymo has secured \$2.25 billion from a group of in-

vestors led by Silver Lake and the Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board to help the company continue to develop its self-driving technology for its ride-hailing service and a recently launched trucking division.

Ex-Google self-driving car project picks up new investors

Other investors in the deal announced Monday include Mubadala Investment Company, auto part makers Magna International, venture capital firm Andreessen Horowitz and AutoNation, the largest auto dealership chain in the U.S. Until now, Waymo had been exclusively relying on the deep pockets of its parent company, Alphabet, which also contributing to the \$2.25 billion investment. The infusion of money from new investors marks Waymo's biggest step yet toward eventually spinning out of Alphabet. That's something analysts have speculated will eventually happen once its self-driving

car technology becomes advanced enough to begin generating significant revenue.

Waymo CEO John Krafcik said a spinoff has "always been on the road map" during a Monday conference call with reporters. "We look at this investment as another validation of what we are doing," Krafcik said. He declined to disclose how much Waymo is being valued by the investors, but said the company is still in discussions to raise even more money. Alphabet doesn't disclose specific about Waymo's financial performance, but bundles its results with a group of other high-risk

projects and companies known as "Other Bets." That division lost \$4.8 billion last year on revenue of just \$659 million.

But analysts think Waymo could turn out to be a gold mine because it is considered to be the leader in the race to build robotic cars that could eventually eliminate the need for humans behind the steering wheel and revolutionize the way people get around.

So far, though, Waymo is only operating a small ride-hailing service in the Phoenix area, although it still plans to branch out into other parts of the U.S. and eventually internationally, too. □

Looking for hand sanitizer? Good luck finding it

By JOSEPH PISANI

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The hand sanitizers on Amazon were overpriced. A Walmart this weekend was completely sold out. Only on his third try was Ken Smith able to find the clear gel — at a Walgreens, where three bottles of Purell were left. He bought two.

"I didn't want to hoard," says Smith, a retired biomedical technician in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Fear of the coronavirus has led people to stock up on the germ-killing gel, leaving store shelves empty and online retailers with sky-high prices set by those trying to profit on the rush. More is on the way, although it's not clear how long it will take retailers to restock.

Sales of hand sanitizers in the U.S. were up 73% in the four weeks ending Feb. 22 compared to the same period a year ago, according to market research firm Nielsen.

The alcohol-based gunk is convenient, but hand sanitizer isn't the best way to clean your hands. For that, soap and water still reigns supreme, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The agency recommends first washing hands with warm or cold water and then lathering soap for 20 seconds to get it on the backs of hands, between fingers and under finger nails before rinsing off.

If you're not near a sink, hand sanitizer will do. But keep in mind that it doesn't kill all germs, the health agency says. Read the label and make sure you're using one that has at least 60% alcohol. After applying it, rub it all over your hands until they're dry. Another tip: don't touch your face, since health officials say viruses could enter your body from your eyes, mouth or nose.

Hospitals are more concerned about a shortage of face masks, which people have also been snatching up despite pleas from health officials. Patient and treatment rooms in hospitals always have a sink and



In this Feb. 28, 2020 file photo, rows of hand sanitizer are seen empty at a Walgreens in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Associated Press

soap to wash hands, says Nancy Foster, the American Hospital Association's head of quality and patient safety. But there are no good alternatives to masks for nurses and doctors.

Malls and sports arenas are adding more hand sanitizer stations. And some workplaces have said they are stocking up, too.

Purell, the best-selling hand sanitizer, is pumping up production. Walmart and other stores say they are talking to suppliers to stock up bare shelves, but didn't say how long that could take. Kroger, which runs nearly 2,800 supermarkets across the country, is limiting the amount of hand sanitizer shoppers can buy to five.

Purell says it has seen higher demand from health care facilities in addition to stores. It is adding more shifts and having employees work overtime at the two Ohio facilities where most Purell is made, says Samantha Williams, a spokeswoman for its parent company Gojo Industries. Others are trying to keep up, too.

Coperalcool, a brand of hand sanitizer in Brazil, says it sold 1 million bottles last month, up from 200,000 in February 2019. The company that makes the brand says it is adding another shift at its factory in Piracicaba, Brazil. And it is considering exporting it for the first time after being approached by companies in China, South Korea and Thailand.

In the U.S., Bath & Body Works, which sells hand sanitizers with scents like "vanilla rose" and "pineapple colada," says its been able to keep bottles in stock at its 1,700 stores. An executive for Bath & Body Works owner L Brands said last week that hand sanitizers made up 5% of its total business and that it's growing "at a very high rate." Walmart has seen higher

demand for cleaning supplies and other items, similar to when shoppers start preparing for a hurricane. The world's largest retailer says it is working with suppliers to stock up again on those items, including hand sanitizer.

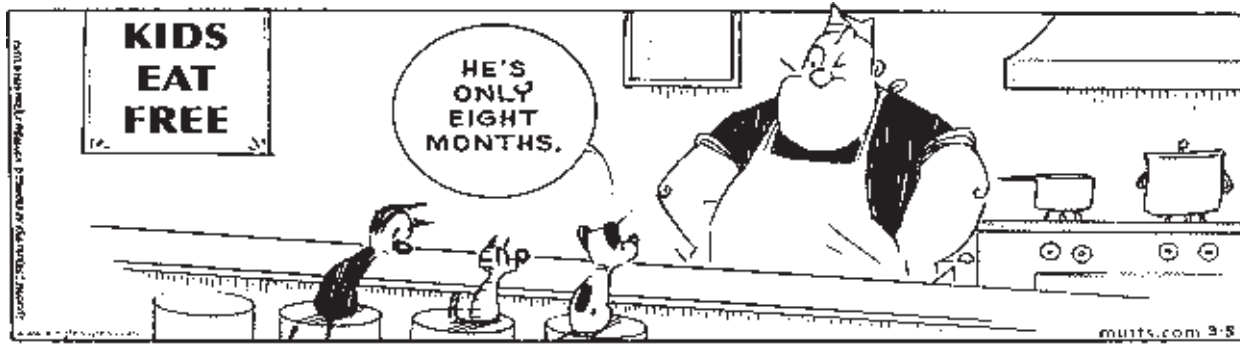
At a Costco in Los Angeles Tuesday, hand sanitizer was gone and shoppers clogged the back of the cavernous store where workers were wheeling out pallet after pallet of bottled water. "Don't believe the hype," one worker shouted. On Amazon, most hand sanitizers were gone. Ones that remained were seriously overpriced, even though the company has said it is policing its site for price gougers. Two 8-ounce bottles of Purell, for example, were being offered for \$119 by a third-party seller; such vendors can list their items for sale on Amazon.com directly.

Gaelen Gates says she trekked to two Walgreens, a Safeway and a CVS this week and couldn't find any hand sanitizer.

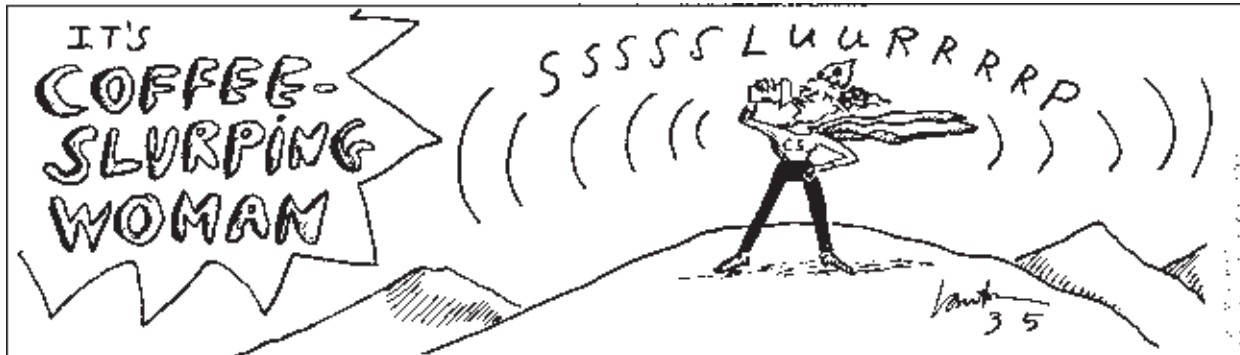
The attorney, who lives in San Francisco, is not worried about the new virus, she's just trying to avoid getting a cold at a music and film festival she plans to attend later this month in Austin, Texas.

If she can't find any by the time of her trip, she has a plan: wash her hands more frequently and "try not to touch anything." □

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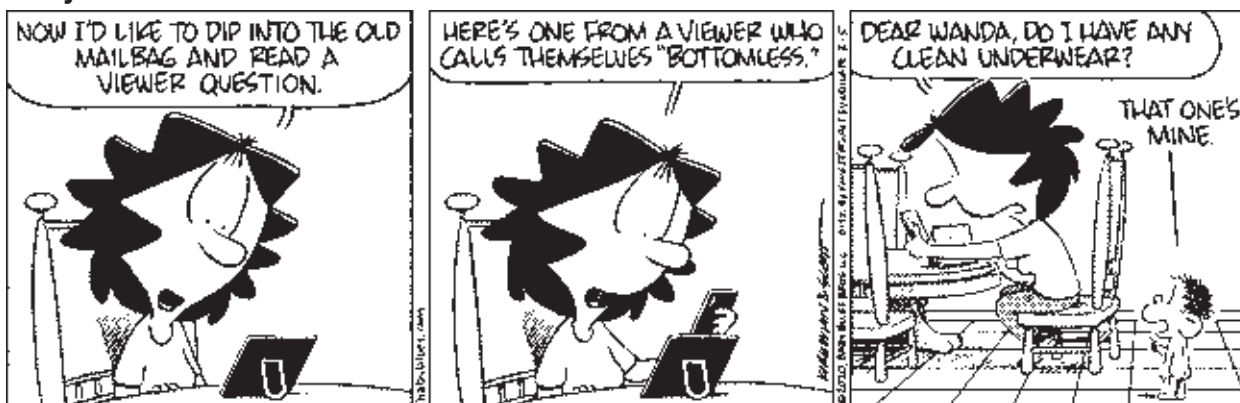
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Difficulty Level ★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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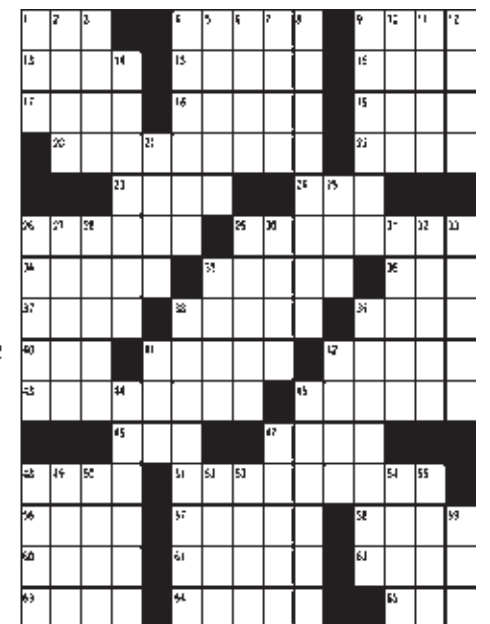
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ACROSS

- 1 A-E connection
- 4 Red tree
- 9 Foot part
- 13 If a Hammer
- 15 String device
- 16 Hatchets
- 17 Actor Heckman
- 18 Lost color
- 19 Slack
- 20 Good
- 22 Wharfs or
- 23 Broadcasts
- 24 "In one and out the other"
- 26 The "of the Light Brigade"
- 29 Highest point
- 34 Stops walking
- 35 Intermixed
- 36 Gun the engine
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- 46 Ring of flowers
- 47 Juvenile delinquent
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- 58 Apple sampler
- 59 Basketball rims
- 58 At no time, to a point
- 60 Actress Turner
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- 63 Cause soap components
- 64 Great buys
- 65 File drawer perhaps

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- 2 Sonny's ex
- 3 Hans Christian Andersen for one
- 4 Have high hopes
- 5 Neeson's namesakes
- 6 Boxer Oscar Hoya
- 7 Like 2, 4, 6 and 8
- 8 Bus stop
- 9 World's largest hot desert
- 10 Pow. cu. ers
- 11 Go before others
- 12 Notice
- 14 Leaves
- 21 Big series
- 25 Common conjunction
- 26 Rub enough to make sore
- 27 As as an ace
- 28 Pitcher Reynolds
- 29 Many a racehorse
- 30 Like pellets four
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- 33 Chris of tennis
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- 38 Concluded



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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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ADHD diagnoses increasing in black kids, report suggests

By **MIKE STOBBE**

NEW YORK (AP) — For the first time, a U.S. survey found that black children appear to be more likely than white kids to be diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and other learning disabilities. Previous studies had found the diagnosis was far more likely in white kids.

It's not known what might have driven the change described in Wednesday's report, said lead author Benjamin Zablotsky of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In past studies that found higher rates of ADHD diagnoses in white kids, researchers hypothesized there were racial differences in access to health professionals or perhaps racial differences in attitudes that make white parents more likely to seek an ADHD diagnosis than black parents. The new study is based on three years of data — 2016 through 2018 — from a national in-person survey, and represents about 23,000 children ages 3 to



This Nov. 19, 2013 file photo shows a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention logo at the agency's federal headquarters in Atlanta.

Associated Press

17. About 17% of black children had ever been diagnosed, compared with about 15% of white kids and about 12% of Hispanic kids, the report found. The survey question asked about ADHD and "other

learning disabilities" but didn't define what they might be. Some examples might include dyslexia or reading comprehension problems. It's not clear to what extent the bottom-line statistics are influenced

by conditions other than ADHD, Zablotsky said. Paul Morgan, a Penn State University researcher, noted the CDC report is based only on what parents said. The researchers didn't look at medical records to con-

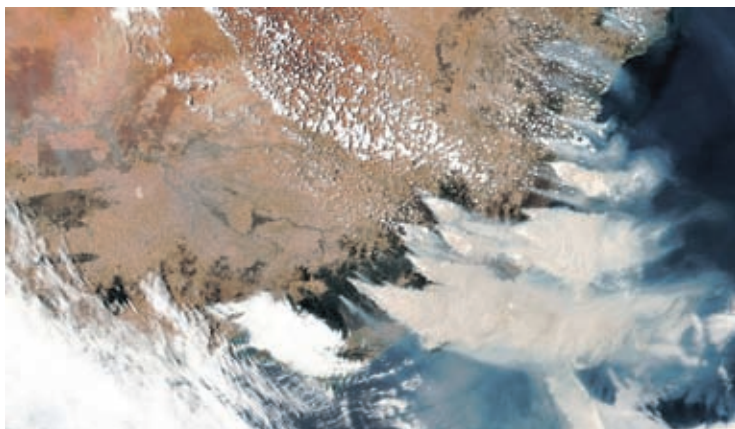
firm the rates.

But there are good reasons why ADHD may be as or more common in black kids, he said. Experts have long believed black kids were under-diagnosed, and that they are at higher risk of conditions that can lead to ADHD, such as lead poisoning or low birth-weight.

ADHD has been called the most commonly diagnosed mental health disorder in U.S. children, with more than 6 million kids diagnosed. The condition makes it hard for children to pay attention and control impulsive behaviors. It's often treated with drugs, behavioral therapy, or both.

Children living in poor families were more likely to be diagnosed with ADHD or other learning disabilities than kids in affluent households, the new CDC report found.

The children of parents with less than a high school education were similarly more likely to have a diagnosis, the report said. □



This satellite image provided by NASA on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020 shows wildfires in Victoria and New South Wales, Australia.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Climate change raised the chances of Australia's extreme fire season by at least 30%, according to a study released Wednesday by climate scientists at the

World Weather Attribution group.

Scientists from Australia, Europe and North America calculated just how much human-caused global warming elevated the like-

Hotter climate upped risk of Australia's record fires by 30%

lihood of Australia's record-setting fire season by comparing high-resolution computer models of the continent facing varying levels of climate change.

The scientists took into account differences in climate conditions in about 1900 compared to current conditions — tabulating both measured and observed changes in temperature, drought and fire intensity.

Last year was both the hottest and driest year on record in Australia since measurements began a century ago.

"There is evidence that Australian fire seasons have lengthened and become more intense — and extreme temperatures have played a role in this," said Sophie Lewis, a climate scientist at the University of New South Wales in Can-

berra, Australia, and a co-author of the study.

"Climate change is now part of Australia's landscape — extreme heat is clearly influenced by human-caused climate change, which can influence fire conditions," she said.

Australia's 2019-2020 wildfire season burned a record 19 million hectares (47 million acres), displacing thousands of people and killing at least 34. The fires also razed rare habitats and killed more than a billion animals, say researchers.

A decade ago, while scientists often discussed how climate change increased the likelihood of extreme weather patterns, researchers were still reluctant to explicitly connect any specific weather event with climate change.

Today, more precise com-

puter models allow scientists to pinpoint the degree to which an altered climate influences the chances of individual extreme wildfires, floods, droughts and heat-waves. Technology Review magazine — published by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology — recently named climate change attribution models as one of the "Breakthrough Technologies" of 2020.

"It's one thing to paint a broad statistical picture of how climate change is loading the dice for extreme weather events. But it's quite another to really dig into the climate data and specific numbers around an individual disaster, like the Australian wildfires," said Kim Cobb, a climate scientist at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, who was not involved in the study. □

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This is a Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015 file photo of actor Daniel Craig poses for the media as he arrives for the German premiere of the James Bond movie 'Spectre' in Berlin, Germany.

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James Bond film release pushed back 7 months due to virus

LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The release of the James Bond film "No Time To Die" has been pushed back several months because of global concerns about coronavirus. MGM, Universal and producers Michael G. Wilson and Barbara Broccoli announced on Twitter Wednesday that the film would be pushed back from its April release to November 2020. The announcement cited consideration of the global

theatrical marketplace in the decision to delay the release of the film. "No Time To Die" will now hit theaters in the U.K. on Nov. 12 and worldwide on Nov. 25. The Bond films make a significant portion of their profits from international markets. The last film, "Spectre," made over \$679 million from overseas theaters in 2015 with over \$84 million of that total coming from China. Concerns had already been brewing around the imminent release and the global outbreak. □

Former CNN anchor Bobbie Battista dies of cancer at age 67

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bobbie Battista, who was among the original anchors for CNN Headline News and hosted CNN's "TalkBack Live," has died. She was 67. Battista died Tuesday after a four-year battle with cervical cancer, family spokeswoman Wendy Guarisco told CNN. "Bobbie was the consummate trooper in her struggle with cancer, she was courageous and fearless in her battle and thoughtful for all the others in her life even as she fought through the pain," Battista's husband John Brimelow said in a statement on Tuesday. "My dear partner of 25 years of marriage has

cut her earthly bonds and is now in peace." During her 1981-2001 career with the cable news company, Battista anchored coverage of major events including the Challenger space shuttle explosion, the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan and the Gulf War. When she moved from CNN Headline News to CNN in 1988, she anchored shows that included "CNN NewsHour." During Battista's early career, she worked as a local news anchor and producer for WRAL-TV in Raleigh, North Carolina. In 1981, she was the writer and assistant producer for the Peabody Award-winning documentary "Fed up with Fear." □



In this May 23, 2018 file photo, Biennale International Architecture exhibition curators Yvonne Farrell, left, and Shelley McNamara appear in Venice, Italy.

Associated Press

Irish architects Farrell, McNamara win Pritzker Prize

By JOCELYN NOVECK

NEW YORK (AP) — Irish architects Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara have been awarded the 2020 Pritzker Architecture Prize for "consistent service to humanity as evidenced by a body of built work," and for leading the way for women in a male-dominated profession. The announcement was made Tuesday by Tom Pritzker, chairman of The Hyatt Foundation, which sponsors the award, considered the highest honor in architecture. The jury citation noted that the pair, who co-founded their Dublin-based Grafton Architects in 1978, "have consistently and unhesitatingly pursued the highest quality of architecture for the specific location in which it was to be built, the functions it would house and especially for the people who would inhabit and use their buildings and spaces." It added: "They have an oeuvre that includes numerous educational buildings, housing and cultural and civic institutions. Pioneers in a field that has traditionally been and still is a male-dominated profes-

sion, they are also beacons to others as they forge their exemplary professional path." In a telephone interview from Dublin, Farrell and McNamara described to The Associated Press how they began their collaboration as early as 1969, when they met as architecture students. "We learned a lot from each other," McNamara said. "We grew together in college." Even now, she said, after decades in the field, "What's interesting is we always feel like we're starting. With architecture, you always feel like you get younger as you get older. You're continually being challenged and continually challenging yourself. You never sit back and say 'OK, I've done that.'" The architects have collaborated on many projects in their home country, but also have won commissions in locales like Peru, Italy and France. Farrell said the two believe that "architecture is both a business and an art." "In each project," she said, "there is the capacity to find something that is an addition to what the client originally maybe dreamed

of, something that's added by the imaginative and creative skills of what the architecture profession can bring." "We say sometimes that we're like scientists of space," she added in the interview. When conceiving a project for a client, she said, "We try and understand your aspiration functionally but also in terms of your dream, or your symbolism. We find a story in each project." The jury's citation singled out projects like the Urban Institute of Ireland, a 2002 building that "employs what the architects call a 'crafted skin' to create a visually interesting building through changes in materials responding to openings, folds, needs for shade and other concerns," while also creating an efficient, sustainable building. It also cited university buildings in Peru and in Italy, saying the architects "have achieved a human scale through the composition of spaces and volumes of different sizes. The dialogues they create between buildings and surroundings demonstrate a new appreciation of both their works and place." □



This image released by FX on Hulu shows Sonoya Mizuno in a scene from the FX on Hulu techno-thriller series "Devs."

Associated Press

Cerebral new FX series 'Devs' likely to blow some minds

NEW YORK (AP) — The new FX series "Devs" may be set in the world of high tech, but its creator is politely asking you to put yours down while checking it out.

Alex Garland wants you to choose to watch his show — really be present — not half-watch while fiddling with your phone. It's not that kind of show.

"If somebody was spending a lot of time sending text messages or checking what's going on in the news on their phones while watching the story, it would make very little sense," he says.

Garland, who wrote and directed each episode, has a point: "Devs" is an absorbing meditation on the very essence of human existence and free will, all hidden in an elegant techno-thriller. It's worth putting down your gizmo.

The eight-part limited series is available starting Thursday exclusively on FX on Hulu and centers on the character of Lilly, a young computer engineer working for a cutting-edge tech giant on a sprawling San Francisco campus.

When Lilly's boyfriend disappears while working in the secretive Devs complex — where the company plans its coolest developments — Lilly investigates. Along the way, Garland explores quantum physics, determinism and the laws of the universe. Seriously.

"As the story was coming to me, one of the things I kept thinking is: 'I don't know how I could possibly tell this in a two-hour narrative,'" he says. Embracing TV made sense: "It was unbelievably liberating from my point of view."

Fans of Garland's breakthrough film "Ex Machina" will find familiar stylish fingerprints: Unrushed storytelling, cool menace, elegant doses of philosophy, an affinity with darkness and stillness, profound musical choices and striking visual effects.

One image clearly stands out: A gigantic statue of a girl towering over the tech

company's campus. It's both adorable, odd, menacing, creepy and innocent — an unsettling exclamation point for this ambitious series.

The Hollywood Reporter calls "Devs" "haunting and hypnotic, a show of marrow-seeping mood and a unity of vision that carries through every frame." Decider calls it an "indisputably stunning mystery." TV Insider cheered its "life-affirming heart."

Sonoya Mizuno plays the obvious heroine Lily, but to paint the enigmatic tech giant boss played by Nick Offerman as the show's villain is to underestimate Garland.

"The moral landscape of the story is much more complicated than that," Garland says. "People do have mixed motivations. They're not typically all good or all bad."

If you detect a touch of Steve Jobs in Offerman's character — a workaholic with a cult of personality and a genius-level mind — you're not wrong. Garland is fascinated by the people behind the technology.

"In part, 'Devs' is concerned with the messianic qualities that the bosses at tech companies seem to contain," he says. "When I see a big product launch and the enthusiastic audience, I think there is a lot that is church-like about that. It feels like a devotional exercise."

Alison Pill, who plays the tech boss' top lieutenant, was a fan of "Ex Machina" and devoured all eight "Devs" scripts within hours when they were sent. "Everything that I sort of expected was upended," she says.

Pill describes a rehearsal process for the series like no other, including frank discussions about the fundamental differences between waves and particles. "When I say it's about everything. It's about everything," she said, laughing.

Garland's often sidelong glance at technology and society have given him a

bit of a reputation as someone who views the future negatively, but that's not how he or Pill see it.

"A lot of people make Alex out to be a pessimist, and I absolutely disagree with that notion," Pill says. Garland also dismisses being dystopian, saying "Devs" is about compassion: "There's nothing misanthropic about the story. It's exactly the opposite."

Garland reunited with many of the artists who made "Ex Machina" so exhilarating, including cinematographer Rob Hardy and production designer Mark Digby. Pill called Garland a respectful collaborator, one who is open to suggestions.

"You might not expect that from these auteur type of guys. I've seen that play out and it can be unpleasant," she said. "This is something that feels like such a community. We all would happily join the cult if he ever decided to start one."

The resulting series is a dizzying trip into Garland's mind, one that mixes the poets Philip Larkin and W. B. Yeats, references to the Kennedy assassination, Marilyn Monroe and "Jurassic Park," and songs by '70s rockers Free and John Martyn. It's a strange trip indeed — and that's the point.

"Something about stories, in a funny way, as they get stranger, I think they get closer to our lived experience," he says. "Because, ultimately, whatever else it is, it is very, very strange to be alive." □

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Returning to acting, Jagger plays a man of wealth and taste

By JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It's been nearly 20 years since Mick Jagger last acted, but as the new film "The Burnt Orange Heresy" shows, his chops have gathered no moss.

In the film, which Sony Pictures Classics will release Friday, Jagger co-stars alongside Claes Bang and Elizabeth Debicki as a devilish art collector who cunningly convinces an art journalist (Bang) to use a rare interview with a reclusive artist (Donald Sutherland) as an opportunity to steal one of his paintings. It's Jagger's first film since 2001's "The Man From Elysian Fields." And, he says, it might be his last.

"I wish I had done a lot more acting. I've just done bits and pieces here and there whenever I've been able to," Jagger said in an interview by phone. Then he chuckles. "You know, I have another job. I have several other jobs, really."

When the 76-year-old hasn't been performing with the Rolling Stones, Jagger has carved out a peripatetic but adventurous career in movies. He's favored more experimental filmmakers, working with Jean-Luc Godard, Nicolas Roeg and Werner Herzog. Acting a little less than David Bowie but more than Bob Dylan, Jagger's film career has been consistently intrepid. He's a very good actor, even if his big-screen performances will always be dwarfed by the gyrating spectacle of his kinetic stage persona.

"I always liked the idea of it," Jagger, speaking by phone from France, says of acting. "I enjoy the change of pace and the change of focus of your performance. When I'm performing these days, it's mostly in very large places in front of lots of people, whereas when you're on a small set, you're performing much more subtly and not such elaborate gestures. You have to really tone it down."

Sometimes, fate (and tour scheduling) has intervened. Jagger's performance in



This image released by Sony Pictures Classics shows Mick Jagger in a scene from the film, "The Burnt Orange Heresy."

Herzog's famously delirious "Fitzcarraldo" (1982) was cut because the original lead, Jason Robards, got sick. When shooting restarted in the Peruvian jungle, Jagger had a conflicting Stones tour. His part was deleted and Klaus Kinski took over for Robards. Herzog has called Jagger's departure "one of the biggest losses I've ever experienced as a director." (Bits of Jagger's performance be seen in documentaries like "Burden of Dreams" and "My Best Friend.")

"It was a pity about that. That was a shame," says Jagger. "So Klaus Kinski did the job on that and did it better than I. Nevertheless, it was an experience."

But the timing and the script lined up for "The Burnt Orange Heresy." It's directed by Italian filmmaker Giuseppe Capotondi, whose twisty 2009 debut film "The Double Hour" proved his talent for conjuring a noirish atmosphere of intrigue and mystery. "The Burnt Orange Heresy," based on Charles

B. Willeford's 1971 novel, is an elegant, stylish kind of film seldom made any more, with glamorous actors in a glamorous setting (Italy's Lake Como). When Capotondi first met Jagger in London to discuss the part, he was struck by the rock star's humility. "He said, 'Look, I haven't done this in 20 years. I might be rusty,'" recalled Capotondi.

Jagger found ways to shape the character, giving him slicked-backed hair and a slightly menacing Chelsea accent from the 1960s. In the film, Jagger's art dealer presents Bang's writer with a kind of Faustian bargain, and things get darker from there. Capotondi considers the character a version of the devil — an apropos role for the writer of "Sympathy for the Devil."

"To play the devil is something that can appeal to most actors. It's such a serpentine character," says Capotondi.

"Given the Rolling Stones

discovery, I think it's quite fitting."

Jagger is less sure about the connections between "The Burnt Orange Heresy" and the band's classic 1968 single, which was partially inspired by Mikhail Bulgakov's beloved Russian novel about Beelzebub in 1930s Moscow, "The Master and Margarita," and a Baudelaire poem. But Jagger's art dealer is, for sure, "a man of wealth of taste," and one that playfully trades on Jagger's demonic charisma.

"It was in my grasp to do this character. I thought it would be fun to do," says Jagger. "He basically charms and threatens him to do what he wants. It's not a lot of screen time but he's the one who sets off the action."

One of Jagger's first films remains one of his most celebrated: Roeg's hallucinatory 1970 film "Performance," in which he played a drug-addled, gender-bending rock star. Critically slammed upon re-

lease, it's steadily grown a cult following with Jagger's performance often ranking among the best by a musician in a film.

He played the title character in Tony Richardson's "Ned Kelly," the "bone-jacker" in Victor Vacendak's cyberpunk "Freejack" (1992) and a drag queen in "Bent." He was an executive producer on the short-lived HBO series "Vinyl," and produced the James Brown biopic "Get on Up." And then there are the many documentaries that have indelibly captured the Stones, including "Gimme Shelter," about the tragic 1969 Altamont concert; Martin Scorsese's "Shine a Light," Brett Morgan's "Crossfire Hurricane" and Godard's intimate but chaotic doc, "Sympathy for the Devil."

"I used to say to Jean-Luc, 'What's the rest of the movie like? Can you explain to me what the rest of the movie is like?' And he really couldn't. I don't think he really knew. It was like: What a genius," says Jagger.

"When I was really young, I used to watch a lot of foreign cinema," he adds. "I watched early Roman Polanski movies when I was a student and we used to think ourselves great intellectuals and just watch foreign films and New Wave. We were very into that."

Jagger, who last year had heart surgery, is currently prepping the North American leg of the Rolling Stones' "No Filter" tour this summer. His day job, again, calls. Jagger is certain to remain a regular soundtrack to cinema; the Stones' remain an irresistible score to countless films. (Most recently, "Sweet Virginia" lent a luminous lilt to the finale of "Knives Out.") But Jagger acknowledges "The Burnt Orange Heresy" could be his big-screen swan song.

"If I don't get offered another decent role, it might be," Jagger says. The he laughs. "It's not planned. If someone offered me something to do in the autumn, I'm sure I'd do it if it was a good part." □

Mix-and-match decor: In with the old ... and in with the new



This photo shows a design project in New York by Ike Kligerman Barkley blending vintage and modern furniture.

By **KIM COOK**

An early, painted Swedish sideboard next to a leather sectional. An ornate Italian walnut headboard on a bed dressed in feather-weight linen. A collection of colorful 1930s Fiestaware pottery on a Lucite bookshelf.

Mixing vintage and modern elements is one of the easier decorating techniques to employ. A little research can help with sourcing quality antiques, but combining old and new is mostly a matter of making sure the fun "found" pieces or family heirlooms get along with the contemporary components.

That introduction may take some tweaking so your room doesn't end up looking like a catchall of random furniture, but that's part of the fun. Introduce the furnishings to each other. See who gets along. And rearrange where everybody sits if you need to. Tamara Rosenthal, Sotheby's Home marketing vice-president, says the mix-and-match trend is on the rise.

"People aren't as interested in spaces that look like they came entirely from a showroom," she says. "They want to create a space with a unique point of view, infusing a variety of pieces,

eras, textures and more to create a cohesive but unique look and feel."

BALANCE IS KEY

Interior design maven Kimberley Seldon, whose business is based in Toronto and Los Angeles, follows this formula when mixing styles:

"As long as 80% of an interior is cohesive — same style, same period, same philosophy — the other 20% can deviate. In 20 years, I've never seen this rule of thumb fail."

Rosenthal recommends layering old and new items, like hanging an antique rug in an otherwise modern room.

Elizabeth Sesser, a designer at the New York firm Ike Kligerman Barkley, mentions a recent project that blended vintage and modern furniture into an elegant whole. The new: a blue and gray wool and silk carpet, and creamy boucle sofas. The old: "Pairs of smaller, bolder pieces — 1920s Swedish black lacquer side chairs, and 1930s mahogany slipper chairs," she says.

WATCH YOUR COMBINATIONS

Some vintage styles don't complement each other as well as others, Seldon points out. For instance, the ornate embellishments and jewel tones of Victorian furnishings don't work har-

moniously with the Arts and Crafts movement, whose hallmarks are simpler craftsmanship and muted, nature-inspired hues.

If you do want to blend eras, consider Victorian with other formal European eras like Georgian, Edwardian and French. If you've got a few exceptional Arts and Crafts pieces, play them up with clean-lined country styles and modern upholstery.

"One of my favorite ways to mix design styles is with midcentury pieces," says Rosenthal. "They're truly transitional, because they can sway traditional or modern without looking out of place."

Katie Watson-Smyth, who lives in London and writes the design blog Mad About the House, agrees about midcentury modern: "You will never go wrong with a chair from this period. It's friends with everyone."

She notes that midmod chairs can be re-upholstered in a range of fabrics to suit any design vibe.

She also recommends looking for common threads among your found pieces — rounded edges; wood and color tones; surface materials like marble.

NEW, INSPIRED BY OLD

If you don't have true antiques, there are interesting



This photo provided by Rhyme Studio shows one of their new wool rugs. "Or," shown here, means 'gold' in the Irish language; Rhyme's Insula series features new rug designs that reference ancient art forms and symbols.

Associated Press



This photo provided by Rhyme Studio shows one of their new wool rugs, a collection inspired by a 1600-year-old Irish alphabet. Known as Ogham, or the tree alphabet, its folk history may tie it to druids and secretive scholars, but the designs look as current and chic as anything dreamed up today.

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new pieces that harken to the past.

For example, at this spring's Architectural Digest Design Fair in New York, Brooklyn-based Rhyme Studio is debuting a collection of wool rugs inspired by a 1,600-year-old Irish alphabet, known as Ogham, or the tree alphabet. Its folk history may tie it to druids and secretive scholars, but the designs look as current and chic as anything dreamed up today.

And at Kathy Kuo, find an array of new seating, lighting and casegoods referencing popular eras like Hollywood Regency, French Country and Art Deco.

SHOP SMART

Rosenthal advises planning

in advance before hunting for specific pieces, since the internet and antiques shops and fairs can be overwhelming. Be specific when you key in search terms. Knowing what you're after helps, but be open to surprise finds.

"We always recommend starting with smaller items like mirrors, artwork, accessories and other accents," she says.

"You can find a wide range of styles in mirrors in good shape that add a touch of history. And you can often find standout light fixtures that no one else will have," she says.

"Shopping at a reputable site, antique dealer or well-regarded secondhand store is key," she warns. □